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Car sales and credit on the rise

# Shephard sees glimmer of hope in jobless trend

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

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THE number of people out of work increased by 7.400 in March, the smallest monthly rise for almost two years.

Gillian Shephard, the new employment secretary, spoke of "glimmers of hope" but, while cautioning against attaching too much to one month's figures, she said that the apparent fall in the rate of job losses was accompanied by other encouraging signs. "The number of people becoming unemployed has eased over recent months,

and more people are leaving unemployment and getting back to work," she said.

Britain's biggest credit information group, Infolink, yesterday reported a rise in credit and the said and t credit enquiries and used-car sales in the immediate after-math of the election. Applications for retail, motor and home loans were up 5.5 per cent, supporting predictions from employers that sales in the high street should resume their growth this month after a retraction in March attributed to election jitters.

Sales of new cars jumped by 20 per cent in the five days

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Semtex case

Amid a high-security police

operation, James Canning.

36, and Ethel Lamb, 60,

were remanded in custody

at an east London court

charged with conspiring to cause explosions in central London and possessing

Into the fray

Ken Livingstone entered Labour's leadership con-test. He cheekily suggested John Smith as his deputy.

but attacked his tax plans as instrumental in losing

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Boy assaulted

A four-year-old boy was sexually assaulted and strangled in his bed in a

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As Serb troops took the key city of Visegrad, Britain condemned the violence in

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same period last year, manufacturers said yesterday, although George Simpson, chairman of the Rover Group, cautioned against rushing into over-confidence.

There is also evidence of an improvement in the competitiveness of manufacturers. The year on year growth in output per head, at 4.3 per cent, was the best for more than two years. The amount of short-time working also fell, there was a modest rise in overtime and the number of days lost to industrial action remained at an all-time low.

These successes, however, must be set against figures which showed that the number employed in manufacturing fell by 31,000 during February to 4,581,000. That suggests job losses in manufacturing accounted for more than three out of four of the total increase in unemploy-ment during February, reck-oned at 37,800.

Mrs Shephard said the with efficiency gains by main International competitors. This and growing business confidence should mean better news for jobs and those out of work," she said. Nonetheless, Britain's unemployment rate, at 9.6 per cent, remains the third worst in Europe, after Ireland, at 17 per cent, and Spain, at 16.5. The total unemployed rose for

the 23rd consecutive month

to reach 2,652,400, 9.4 per cent of the workforce. The monthly total before seasonal adjustment was down for the first time since October by 3,010 to 2,707,477.

Mrs Shephard took the op-portunity to signal a shift in policy at the employment de-partment: "I will be looking at the range of measures on offer to ensure that as we come out of the recession they offer people effective help in getting back to work." Tony Blair, Labour's em-

ployment spokesman, said the trend was still firmly upwards. "Even on the government's figures there are still almost 2.7 million unemployed with the numbers of long-term unemployed rising sharply," he said.

City commentators, who had been expecting an underlying increase of around 35,000, were surprised at the apparent flattening in the rate of job losses. John Shepperd, chief UK econo-mist with merchant bank SG Warburg, said the figures were "suspiciously good", adding: "We are clearly past the worst of the unemployment increases but we are likely to see some erratic fig-ures for a time."

The number out of work actually fell, after seasonal adjustment, in the North west (to 10.3 per cent), the North (11), Wales (9.4) and Scotland (9.2), but continued to rise strongly in the South East (to 8.8 per cent) and East Anglia (7.2), which have seen some of the biggest rises during the recession. Unemployment in these two areas is still below the national aver-

Northern Ireland, with remains a blackspot, while in greater London, where 407,000 are now without jobs, the 10.1 per cent unemployment is now the fourth worst in Britain after Northern Ireland, the North West and the West Midlands.

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#### Abandoned van holds up holiday getaway

BY JOHN VINCENT

Parents of a 27-year-old British woman killed in the French Quarter of New Orleans flew there as police MOTORISTS hoping for a quick escape from work at the start of the Easter holiday faced frustration and long delays last night when they were turned back at junction I of the M I in north London. Police closed both carriageways for 90 minutes because of a suspect vehicle causing big hold-ups. Explosives experts faced long delays in

reaching the scene. Rail passengers were equal-ly exasperated. All trains passing through Mill Hill were halted, British Rail said. Sevices into St Pancras and the Thameslink were affected. A BR spokesman said: "We were asked to suspend all movements at 17.50 tonight while they investigate the van. Trains were crowded

with people going off for the

weekend." Rail services resumed after the van was

cleared at 7.21 pm. The motorway was closed at the start of the rush hour after a patrol spotted a suspicious vehicle on the hard shoulder. Drivers eager to escape found the motorway closed in both directions from Mill Hill, north London, to Scratchwood Services.

Earlier, drivers heading north on the M1 has been treated to 31 miles of what the AA described as "heavy and slow" traffic, from the M25 as far as Newport

Twelve people, including six children, were taken to hospital after a coach collided Continued on page 16, col 6

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#### 4,000 Lloyd's names face personal financial ruin

By Jonathan Prynn

UP TO 4,000 Lloyd's names could face personal financial ruin as a result of a landmark High Court judgment

Mr Justice Saville ruled against a group of more than 800 names who were trying to prevent Lloyd's from seizing their assets to pay their underwriting losses. They were on syndicates hit by claims from catastrophes such as Piper Alpha and Hur-ricane Hugo. The judgment means that Lloyd's can proceed with arrangements to draw on financial assets put up by the names as security when they joined Lloyd's. These can include bank guar-

antees on homes. A new action group for names who will be effectively bankrupted by their Lloyd's losses is to be formed next week. One estimated that up to 4,000 names will be

ruined. Technically, Lloyd's is nev-er responsible for a name being made legally bankrupt. More than 900 names have already applied to the Lloyd's hardship committee, which has the discretion to pay off a ruined name's outstanding debts in return for an agreed

programme of repayments during the name's life. defend the primacy of unlim-ited liability which underpins In most cases the names the financial security of the are required to sell their market. One name involved homes and more valuable asin the High Court legal action sets and move to smaller premises. Their living exsaid: "This just shows that when you sign on the dotted line at Lloyd's your liability penses will also be largely goes beyond your last cuffdetermined by the committee. After the death of the name, Lloyd's can claim the

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#### Yard bans notes plastic BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is to ban police officers from using a special plastic sheet in their notebooks after lawyers said that it made testing for the doctoring of notes impossible.

name's remaining assets.

Lloyd's went to court to

In a letter in The Times today, Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, says that the thin plastic sheet used for the last seven months is to be abandoned immediately.

He acted after criticism from lawyers and in the media that the instruction to officers on surveillance operations to use the stiff plastic sheet was a manoeuvre to

prevent Esda [electronic document analysis] testing. The system has been used to correct a number of miscarriages of justice, including the wrongful convictions of the Birmingham Six, Guildford Four and Tottenham Three.

The plastic sheets were issued with log books to place under the page and provide firm backing while taking notes on the street. But that ensured that no indentation would be left on underlying pages, making Esda analysis useless.

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#### Afghan leader ousted as rebels close in

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

PRESIDENT Najibullah, Afghanistan's former communist leader, who clung to power as the mujahidin rebels closed in on Kabul, was yesterday overthrown and turned back when trying to flee the country.

Ghulam Yaqubi, the head of security, committed suicide as mujahidin rebels surrounded the capital, closing the book on an administration abandoned by Moscow and encircled by its Muslim fundamentalist enemies. Many of the former president's close associates now fear reprisals. A four-man council has taken over the running of the country.

Western governments tear a bloodbath. The rebels who have fought the communistdominated government since 1978, came within 25 miles Kabul. Many of the rebel groups, united only in their hatred of the communists and their former Soviet backers, have already begun to

quarrel among themselves. Dr Najibullah, a former secret police chief installed by the Kremlin six years ago. attempted to make a getaway with one of his brothers but was turned away from Kabul airport by troops. He was reported to have taken refuge in a United Nations office. although there were rumours that he had been arrested. His wife and three children fled to India several days ago

Dr Najibuliah had been ready to resign to make way for a transitional government and elections under the Uni-ted Nations peace plan. The end of his rule came suddenly, however, as the guerrillas made a final push for Kabul. Abdul Wakil, the foreign minister, told a news conference that the president had been replaced by four vicepresidents of the ruling

Watan (homeland) party. Kabul radio attacked Dr Najibullah for resigning illegally and leaving a power vacuum. It appealed to the army and civil service to help set up a transitional council.

Mr Wakil last night accused Dr Najibullah of deception. He had been hated by the mujahidin and by his Continued on page 16, col 7

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# Millie's memoirs make her White House top dog

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

EVEN in the depth of recession, Americans might expect their leader to earn more money than his dog. But this year President Bush failed to do so, according to the annual tax statement from the White House. Millie, the White House springer spaniel reported a healthy income of \$900,000 (£512,000) — more than four times the salary of the leader of

the free world. The money came from Millie's memoirs, an under-the-table look at life in the Bush family which spent some 20 weeks near the top of the best-seller lists last year. Even more galling for the beleaguered president, the First Log scored royalties far beyond the paltry \$2,700 brought in by Looking Forward, Mr Bush's own autobiography. "This is somewhat



Millie: dictated memoirs

embarrassing, but the president is taking it very well," said Martin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, putting a jocular gloss on the matter. Sensitive to the fact that

Millie's tell-all tale had put the Bushes into the £1 million-a-year category, the White House was quick to recall that most of the proceeds were given to a charity which promotes literacy. This was deemed a highly appropriate choice by struggling writers who did not take kindly to canine prose outselling their efforts.

Many have objected to the fact that the New York Times placed Millie's Book in the non-fiction list. Some even suggested that both it and the memoirs of Ronald Reagan, which came out at the same time and sold fewer copies, should be relegated to the fantasy section.

In her writings, said to be "dictated" to Barbara Bush, Mildred Kerr Bush remains discreet on matters of state, preferring to focus on social life, such as her acquaintance with such dog-friendly figures as Margaret Thatcher, Gerald Ford and the

some advice on power name dropping: "Remember .. never say 'I know Henry Kissinger'. Rather, we say "Henry Kissinger knows me'." Her syntax is, however, not always felicitous like her master's. "I chased a little red fox for one night. George saw him racing across the lawn with his long red tail straight out behind him," she writes. "He was so thin he ran through the fence."

Though dog-lovers and children were the main intended customers for Millie's Book, it has become essential reading for political operators and academics who subscribe to Kafka's view that "all knowledge, the totality of all questions and answers, is contained in the dog". In their view, Millie's sentiments are the carefully disguised sentiments of George Bush. And it was, of course, really written by Mrs Bush.

# Livingstone enters fray as champion of Southern Man

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE contest for the Labour said that Mr Smith's tax been drawn up before Mr leadership was given added zest yesterday when Ken Livingstone entered the fray presenting himself as the unlikely champion of the middle income southerner.

Mr Livingstone attacked John Smith's shadow budget tax policies which he said were instrumental in losing Labour the election. He launched his challenge to Mr Smith, the shadow chancellor, and Bryan Gould, shadow environment spokesman, at a Westminster press conference. He dismissed suggestions that his campaign could fall at the first hurdle by failing to attract nominations from 55 MPs which he

"It was Labour's policy failure, above all on taxation, which failed to win voters," he said. "Simply changing the leader without changing policy is therefore not enough. Furthermore John Smith, as shadow chancellor, bears the chief responsibility for this failure of Labour's economic and taxation policy." He also attacked what he called Mr Smith's unsuccessful attempts at "cuddling up to the City over endless prawn

cocktails".

Mr Livingstone, MP for Brent East, north London,

plans had wrongly hit skilled workers in the South."The policy of taxing middle income families cost us the election."

The former leader of the defunct Greater London Council said that the next general election could be lost in the next 12 weeks if the party merely decided to change personalities at the top. As the election neared the polls showed that the Conser-vatives had increased their lead on tax and the economy. In the event the swing to Labour was over 3.5 per cent in the South where the average family income was less than £245 a week but only 2 £275, Mr Livingstone said.

Labour should have kept the 50 per cent tax rate but opted for the national insurance ceiling to have been lifted at £26,000 instead of £21,000, a move which would have affected only the top 5 per cent of taxpayers, he said. Labour's spending pledges on child benefit and pensions would have been paid for by cutting the defence budget by £7 billion a year to bring military spending in line with

the European average.

Presenting his own shadow budger, which he said had

Smith's budget, Mr Livingstone called for an immediate 2 per cent cut in interest rates. a 15 per cent devaluation of the pound to a central rate of 2.50 DM and a cut in VAT to counter any inflationary pressure created by devaluation. "Failure to adopt radical economic policies meant that Labour had spending pledged which could only be financed by taxing those who

were its potential supporters."
His criticism of Biyan
Gould was less forthright. Bryan Gould has now argued for devaluation, which I welcome, but voted for economic policy review documents which ruled it out." Earlier Mr Livingstone

cheekily suggested that he would be happy if Mr Smith ran as his deputy if he found himself squeezed out of the leadership contest. Since then he has made clear he is seek-ing a female deputy.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4 he warned of a hidden agen-

da in Mr Smith's camp of formal pacts with the Liberal Democrats which might not emerge until the leadership election was over. Mr Livingstone challenged the other two contestants to television and radio debates to discuss the policies needed to win the



"sound bites and bits of backstabbing and off the record

The left-wing campaign group of Labour MPs which has put Mr Livingstone for-ward as their candidate can normally rely on about only 30 votes from MPs. However, Mr Livingstone, a campaign-

Taken as red: Mr Livingstone, who says he is in politics not to make gestures but to achieve power next election instead of er for homosexual and ethnic minority rights, who once accused Labour colleagues of spending their time in the fleshpots of Soho, said that he had had telephone calls pledging support from the most unlikely quarters. "I am not in politics for gestures,"

he said. "I am in politics

dismissed as hopeless naivety the view of some Labour MPs that last week's cut in the Conservative majority made a Labour victory inevitable at the next election.

Meanwhile the left-wing Tribune newspaper has ac-

power and to transform Brit-

bouncing Labour into an instant leadership election. It said in an forthright editorial: If the move to rush the leadership elections was not an attempt to stifle discussion and fix the result for John Smith, it looked remarkably like one."

many reasons why crime rates used to be lower. One,

he suggests, is that there was less to steal.

that there could be others.

Police might have recorded

only those crimes that were

deared up. The rise of re-corded crime could also be

attributed to changes in

police tactics and attitudes

towards crimes such as rape or homosexuality, and the arrival of the motor car,

which accounted for almost

30 per cent of the 5.3m offences recorded in Eng-

Home Office statistics

show that, from 1876 to the

mid 1920s, the annual re-

corded crime level in Eng-

land and Wales was under

in 1950, passing 1.5 million in 1970 and more than five

million in 1991. The popu-

lation rose from less than 20

million in 1860 to more

than 48 million in 1991.

land and Wales last year.;

Criminologists suggested

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#### Deadly bee disease spreads to Somerset

A case of the deadly bee disease varroasis has been detected outside Devon, confirming fears of agriculture ministry scientists that the infection might spread (Nick Nuttall writes).

The ministry's service centre in Exeter said yesterday that the infection, by a mite that feeds on the blood of bees and deforms larvae developing in combs, had been verified near Ilminster, Somerset. Ministry scientists were meeting apiary owners on how to tackle the outbreak.

The agriculture ministry has at the same time announced a county-wide exclusion zone covering the movement of bees, hives. combs and bee-keeping equipment into and out of Devon after the number of confirmed cases rose to 36.

The first British case of varroasis was confirmed at Cockington earlier this month. More cases were later reported at Okehampton.

Until nearly two weeks ago, Britain was thought to have been free of the Varroas iacobsoni mite, which has devastated bee colonies on the Continent since 1980.

#### Baby's mother is charged

Maxine Davies, 29, of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, was charged yesterday with attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to Tara Calnan. her five-month-old daughter who has been missing since

Magistrates at Harrogate remanded her in custody for a week. Reporting restrictions were not lifted and there was no application for bail. Efforts by police to search for Tara in the river Nidd near Harrogate were hampered yesterday because the flow had become a torrent after

#### Death in ditch

A woman died and her husband suffered serious head injuries when they slipped and fell into a four-foot ditch yesterday. Kath Donelan, 59, of South Eimsall, West Yorkshire, tumbled into the freezing ditch, pulling her husband Danny, 61, after her, police believe. They were heading home from a social club. Mr Donelan was found seven hours later and taken to

Drugs enquiry Almost 40 British soldiers serving in Germany are being investigated for alleged drugs offences after a raid on a warehouse party in Hanover attended by 130 soldiers as well as locals at which cannabis and Ecstasy were allegedly sold. Seventy were special investigations branch. Since then, 37 have faced further investigation. No charges have yet been made.

#### Swimmer saved Lee Price, 17, of Sopley,

Dorset, was rescued four miles off Bournemouth trying to swim to shore against the tide yesterday after the small cruiser on which he and his brother John, 13, were sailing broke down. He was wearing a shell suit and a lifebelt and had hypothermia. He was flown to hospital for a checkup. A passing yacht had found his brother adrift and alerted coastguards.

#### Free to go

Martin McGuinness, vicepresident of Sinn Fein, was freed without charge by police in Dublin yesterday after being arrested on Wednesday night under Irish anti-terrorist legislation. Police gave no reason for holding or freeing Mr McGuinness, 42, from Londonderry. He could have been detained legally for up to 48 hours before being charged or released.

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# Fear of hell cut crime, Patten says

YOUNG people embark on criminal activity because they no longer believe that they will pay for their sins in hell, John Patten, the educa-tion secretary, said yester-day. He said that the dwindling belief in redemption and damnation had a profound effect on personal morality and, in particular, on criminal behaviour.

Mr Patten, a practising Roman Catholic, said: "Fear of eternal damnation was a message reinforced through attendance at church every week. The loss of that fear has meant a critical motive has been lost to young people when they decide whether to try to be good citizens or to be

In an article in The Specand reported crime in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with high levels of attendance at church, where people were told that civility led to eternal life and bad-

Jubilee

line funds

expected

BY MICHAEL DYNES

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

OLYMPIA & York, the trou-

bled Docklands property de-

veloper, will be expected to adhere to its commitment to

co-finance the £1.3 billion Ju-

bilee line extension, John

MacGregor, the new trans-

port secretary, said yesterday. Bankers negotiating terms

for restructuring the compa-

ny's finances are unlikely to

pull out of the co-financing

deal because of the impor-tance of the Jubilee line for

the long-term prospects of the

Canary Wharf scheme, Mr

MacGregor said. "We have a

deal with Olympia & York.

and we expect it to be honoured," he added.

By LIN JENEINS

GILLIAN Shephard smiled

sweetly and kept her compo-

sure as a person from the

ranks of the unemployed

breached the cordon of advis-

ers and journalists during her

first visit to an employment

exhange as employment sec-

Mrs Shephard's visit to the

job centre in Westminster was to meet the staff and give

television and radio inter-

views on the latest iobless

figures from the pristine ven-

retary vesterday.

The future of the line,

Belief in eternal damnation kept Victorian youngsters out of jail, the new education secretary believes. Richard Ford reports

**Doctors welcome** 

offer on budgets

ness to eternal damnation. Today, it is estimated that only 13 per cent of Britons attend church once a week. Mr Patten wrote: "There does seem a clear relationship between the growth of 'Victorian values', church at-



Patten: crime lowest, when faith was high

tendance and low crime figures. The now-derided fearingness and hope of redemption developed to-wards the end of the 19th century. They rose, with church attendance, to their apogee in Edwardian times.

Despite unemployment at its highest levels, crime fell to its lowest precisely in that near-mythical age when no one bothered to lock his door and the world was a village."
He writes: "Death the gateway to eternal life has become Death the unthinkable. Health and safety at work regulations replace

pels, and even tougher ones from the Old Testament."

As a former Home Office minister with some know-ledge of the risk of quoting crime statistics, Mr Patten

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to give every family doctor the kind of bargaining strength held by those managing their own budgets were unveiled yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the new health secretary.

In one of her first full-

length interviews since being weekend, Mrs Bottomley held out an olive branch to the medical profession. She said that she wanted every doctor and patient to benefit from the fund-holding changes. Her move was welcomed by the British Medical Associ-

ation, which has been pressing for the change for the past Mrs Bottomley said: "Fund-holding will remain voluntary and we want to talk to the medical profession about the next step. The aim is that all GPs should feel they

which will link central and eastern London between Green Park and Stratford. via Canary Wharf, was envelcan exercise leverage on beoped in uncertainty earlier half of their patients in securthis month after Olympia & York failed to pay an initial £40 million of an agreed £400 ing quality improvements. The precise mechanism as million towards the project. Steven Norris, London's discussions." new transport minister, said efforts would be made to "in-

more doctors become fundholders is a subject for further Mrs Bottomley promised gradually to reduce the maximum waiting time for sur-

ue complete with corporate

colour-coded carpet and fur-

niture. But Peter Bullard had

other ideas. "They need to

show you the bare floors, the

cigarette ends and four letter

words, they're not all like

Mr Bullard, 37, an unem-

ployed part time teacher of

English to foreign students,

added: "It's all very smart

A friendly arm guided Mrs

Shephard away from the pub-

lic and back to the photographers. She posed between two

here but it hides the truth."

this," he said.

gery to below 18 months and declared her support for performance-related pay in the NHS. She said that, by the time of the next general elec-tion, she expected the "over-

whelming majority" of hos-pitals and other units to have become self-governing trusts. With this year's public spending round looking the toughest in a decade due to the £28 billion borrowing requirement, Mrs Bottomley indicated she would be better placed than other spending ministers. She said that John Major had pledged in the Tory manifesto to increase NHS resources in real terms

year on year. At present, some 2,800 GPs manage budgets of about £1 million a practice. A further 2,500 doctors are due to become fund-holders next year, but the BMA has been concerned about the remaining 24,000 outside the

The BMA, which initially opposed the scheme, has sought to ensure that those who are not fund-holders are not handicapped and that all doctors can win a good deal

display boards, one advertis-

ing jobs in sales, the other

woman," said Bryn Mitchell,

as he looked up from the

board of catering jobs. Some-

one told him she was the new

employment secretary. "Ah,

Virginia Bottomley." he said

thrust into the limelight as

one of the first women in John

Major's cabinet after only five

years in the House, Mrs.

Unperturbed by being

"That's that Conservative

management.

knowingly.

Job seeker confronts the new minister

#### Home rule convention challenged

By KERRY GILL
THE executive of the Scottish
Constitutional Convention, formed three years ago to pursue home rule, will gather in Glasgow today to decide whether it still can claim to be the most suitable vehicle for devolution.

The Labour leadership and Scotland United, the campaign group formed last weekend, will try to persuade the 25-member executive that it should back a multi-option referendum on the constitution, suggested by the Scot-tish National Party in 1990. While the SNP yesterday

pledged to back the campaign for a referendum, Alex Salmond, SNP leader, said: The election result last Thursday showed clearly that the convention strategy is a dead duck. There is no parlia-mentary majority for devolu-tion nor is there likely to be over the next five years." Jim Sillars, deputy leader, said: "The convention has huffed and puffed for three years and it couldn't manage to blow anything down. The election result in Scotland called their bluff."

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Two more

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By CRAIG SETON

TWO more of the three Irishmen being sought by police in

connection with the murder of an army recruiting ser-

geant were identified by Der-

byshire police yesterday. They are Declan Duffy, 19, nick-

named Wacko, and Anthony

Gorman, 22, known as Fanta. Both are from Belfast.

They and Joseph Magee.

26, are wanted in connection

with the killing of Sergeant Michael Newman, 34, who

was shot in the head on Mon-

day as he left the combined

army and navy careers office

in Derby where he worked.

The Irish National Libera-

tion Army (INLA) has claimed responsibility for the

A Derby woman who was

detained for questioning after

the shooting was arrested yes-terday under the Prevention

of Terrorism Act. Police have

not named the woman, who

was originally held under the

Police and Criminal Evi-

dence Act with three other

Don Dovaston, an assis-

tant chief constable of Derby-

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three men still being sought

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# Boy wakes to find brother, aged four, strangled

By ADAM FRESCO

A BOY aged four was sexually assaulted and strangled in his bed as his brother slept in the same room. Matthew Robinson's body was discovered by his brother Jason on Wednesday morning in the lodging house run by his parents.

The parents reported what they thought was a cot death but a post mortem examination showed he had been strangled and sexually as-saulted. Matthew and Jason, 9, were in an unlocked bedroom on the third floor of the house in Keyham, Plymouth, Devon. Their parents Alan Robinson, 63, an inventor. and his wife Christine, 30, were sleeping on the floor

The Robinsons' large Vic-

#### Souness in intensive care again

BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE Liverpool football manager Graeme Souness suffered a setback in his recovery from heart surgery and was taken into intensive care

The surgeon who performed the operation was called to his hospital bedside shortly after midday. The nature of the relapse is unknown but Mr Souness, 38, will now spend another week in hospital. He spent half an hour in the intensive care ward of Alexandra hospital in Cheadle, Greater Manchester, before being moved to a progressive care unit.

Mr Souness's friend Karen Levy hurried to the hospital to be with him. He was visited earlier in the day by Elton Welsby, the independent television sports presenter.

The setback came hours after the Liverpool Football Club board said that it would meet to discuss public protests at Mr Souness's dealings with The Sun. He was pictured in the newspaper kissing Miss Levy on the day the memorial service for the 95 fans who died in the Hillsborough disaster.



Souness: another week in hospital

torian house, which they own, is split into single room bedsits which are occupied by regular tenants and other people who may stay occasional nights as casual guests.

There were thought to be five tenants staying at the house at the time of the murder, some sleeping on the same floor as Matthew and others in ground floor rooms. A number of them are helping police with their inquiries. Matthew was put to bed about 9pm on Tuesday night by his father and Jason was put to bed by his mother half an hour later.

Mathew was unattended during that time and was seemingly asleep" when his brother came to bed. About 8.30am on Wednesday, Jason awoke but could not rouse his brother in the lower bunk and called his parents. Jason, who has been interviewed by a police child protection team, saw and heard nothing

during the night, he said.

The house is used as a Department of Social Services lodging property, al-though it is not known if there were any DSS lodgers there at the time.

Detective Superintendent Malcolm Corp, leading a team of 30 detectives, said: "We are looking for a very strong sexual deviant who is at present at large on the streets of Plymouth. What that boy was subjected to makes it a horrendous murder. The killer might well have been an outsider from off the streets. The other people living there are being interviewed as potential

"This is one of the most horrendous crimes we have ever come across. We have not identified a suspect at this time. The child's parents are totally distressed by what has happened. They are caring, loving parents and they are naturally very upset.

" The house has numerous tenants and is not really secure. People come and go as they wish and people call there. There are various residents in the house and we are going through the process of naking torensic tests a ing statements, which may take some time, and the inquiry is now mushrooming out from the house.

"We believe the assault and death occurred between 9pm on Tuesday and 8.30am on Wednesday when the family doctor was called because the older brother found he could not wake Matthew.

"The boy must have sub-

ected to a great deal of pain and discomfort from the sex-ual assault before he died." Vital scientific evidence is being gathered from the Police are working on several theories. One is that Matthew was murdered in his bed in the thirty minutes before his brother Jason was put to bed and another is that Matthew was killed during the night while Jason was



High security: police marksmen positioned on a neighbouring rooftop during yesterday's court hearing in east London.

#### Couple remanded on explosives plot charges

BY ALISON ROBERTS

A MAN and woman were remanded in custody yesterday charged with conspiring to cause explosions in central London and possessing Semtex explosive and six automat-

Ethel Audrey Lamb, 60, and James Joseph Canning, 36, both of Islip Gardens, Northolt, west London, ap-peared before Arbour Square magistrates in Stepney, east London, amid police high security. During the four and a half minute hearing. Mrs

Lamb, wearing a blue tracksuit, was remanded in custody for a week. She will appear before magistrates

again on April 23.

Mr Canning, unemployed, is also charged with causing an explosion in Bridle Lane, Soho, on April 6 and with possessing a loaded Smith and Wesson revolver with intent to resist arrest on April Mr Canning, dressed in a blue V-neck sweater and blue trousers, was remanded in custody for four weeks to appear in court again on May 14.

The charges were brought under the Explosive Substances Act 1883 and the Firearms Act 1968. Three police officers stood in the dock with the couple, two flanking them and one in the middle. Throughout the hearing neither Lamb nor Canning spoke but stared ahead at the magistrate, Daphne Wickham. The remand application was made by Richard Glenister, for the prosecution. There was no application for bail and reporting restrictions were not

A large police operation was mounted to transport the couple from Paddington Green police station, west London, where they had been held in cells last night. Canning and Lamb arrived at 9.30am in separate armoured vehicles escorted by a police helicopter. The operation was watched from neighbouring rooftops by police marksmen. Everyone entering the court underwent a body search and all bags were checked. The couple were driven away two hours later in a police convoy.

A third man held by police in London under the Prevention of Terrorism Act was still being questioned last night. • Two hundred mourners were at the funeral yesterday of one of the victims of Friday's IRA blast in the City of

Family, friends and workmates of Paul Butt, 29, attended the service at Corbetts Tey crematorium, Essex. Danielle Carter, 15, and Thomas Casey, 49, a door-man at the Baltic Exchange, also died in the blast that injured over 90 people.

woman, who spoke with an Irish accent, rang off before she could be questioned.

Declan Duffy is described s extensively tattooed. On his right forearm, he has a tattoo of a rifle and a red star. On his left hands are the letters INLA. He is about 5ft 7in. with short. light brown hair that is receding and thin-

> and is tanned. He occasionally wears gold-rimmed glasses. Anthony Gorman is 6ft, of slim build, weights 12 stone and has short, dark brown hair, blue eyes and a Mexican-type moustache. He has a tattoo of a heart on his left hand and the letter F on his left forearm.

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stone, with an athletic build,

An inquest into Sgt Newman's death was opened and adjourned yesterday.

#### Allotments barred to poll tax rebels

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE potting shed, suburban man's last refuge from the reality of modern life, succumbed to the community charge yesterday when a city council threatened to ban poll tax defaulters from its allotments.

Portsmouth city council announced that the right to tend prize-winning leeks on council property would in future be granted only to those who paid their poll tax on time. The council, run by an alliance of Labour and the Liberal Democrats, is taking action against defaulters whose refusal to pay the poll tax has added £25 a head to the bills of every adult in the

Councillors are considering a plan to introduce membership cards for local people wanting to use allotments and other leisure services such a swimming pools and sports grounds.

Under the plan, cards would be issued only to people who had paid their community charge. Non-payers would be barred from using public facilities.

The council has also decided to publish the names of

8,800 people who failed to register to pay the poll tax even though their names appeared on electoral registers in the year before the charge was introduced. The council is still owed almost £5 million in unpaid poll tax from the 1990-1 financial year and a further £3.4 million for 12 months to April 1 this year.

Alan Burnett, the council leader, said: "If people do not pay their poll tax they shouldn't be using council facilities. We hope also to publish the names of those who have not paid a penny yet to give them ample warning that bailiffs may be on the way. We are also considering having non-payer's cars

☐ Jack Thornton, finance director of Labour-controlled Thamesdown district council in Swindon, Wiltshire, has called on councillors to experience at first hand the feel-

ings of people paying the tax. He told the council's policy committe that his staff were suffering verbal abuse, particularly over the £29.50 added to every bill to make up for losses caused by nonpayment

#### Customer shot in bank raid

A BANK customer was hit by a ricocheting bullet yesterday when a raider fired at staff behind a protective screen who refused to hand over money. The bullet bounced off the screen and hit the customer in the hand.

The customer was treated in hospital for a graze wound. The raider, who was wearing a balaciava helmet, fled empty-handed from the National Westminster bank at Ruislip. northwest London. A telephonist who was on

duty upstairs at the bank said: The robber was about 30 to 35 and came barging into the bank pushing customers out of the way. He demanded money, but no money was given.

He said the raider then pulled out a revolver and opened fire on a cashier. The bullet bounced back. "Within minutes there were loads of police cars outside," he added. Scotland Yard said: "At

2.10pm there was an attempted robbery at the National Westminster bank and a man was shot. There was an injury to his hand, which is not believed to be serious." The customer was treated at. Mount Vernon hospital.

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#### Airport arrivals cash in to find instant sunshine facilities available," said Al-

BY THE time Caron McCouaig had finished her shift at Gatwick airport yesterday afternoon there was a pile of requests for instant holidays in the sun still awaiting her attention. Caron and the seven other

staff of Thomas Cook's new travel shop in the south terminal had been rushed off their feet all day answering a stream of telephone calls and personal visitors all wanting to get away - often with no fixed idea where but all hoping to cash in on the massive discounts offered on flights and seats as airlines and tour operators tried to off-load their last remaining unsold capacity.

Twelve remaining seats on an Airtours flight to Lanzarote, for example, could be had for E79 each three hours before departure compared with the brochure price of £260. Anyone interested had to stay for 14 nights, perhaps explaining why, even at that knock down

price, there were no takers. By midday most of the other offers on the "late availability" screens in the shop since the tour operators opened for business at 7am. and sent messages to travel agency computers gradually reducing the price, had been snapped up. We have been astonished at the demand for

Demand for last minute breaks to almost anywhere — just as long as it

is sunny — is taking off, reports Harvey Elliott

instant travel since we opened two weeks ago," said Glyn Dixon, the shop manager. "Some people simply arrive with suitcases and ask if they can go immediately to whatever destination we have on offer. As long as they arrive two hours before departure to enable the airline to complete its paperwork it can usually be done."

Once the Easter rush is over and Gatwick returns to normal, many more such deals are expected to be made available at the last moment, enabling anyone with the nerve and necessary flexibility to cut the cost of a holiday by at least half.

Some believe that Gatwick and other airports, where travel agents have for the first time been allowed to set up shop, may soon become more like railway stations with passengers buying tickets just before departure as a matter of course. "If the trade and market forces demand that, we can make the

lan Munds, Gatwick managing director, who yesterday disclosed plans to enlarge the departure lounges and check-in areas to cope with any surge in demand.

Generally the travel industry does not like to talk about late availability offers, pre-ferring instead to convince sengers to book early. After all if they can sell a holiday at full brochure price three months before departure, and bank any money paid in advance, why should they draw attention to the kind of offers which were being displayed in Thomas Cook's airport shop window

yesterday? They would, of course, argue that most of the people who tried to fly away yester-day were disappointed, but it was Maundy Thursday, traditionally one of the busiest

days of the year. The roads are likely to be especially busy this weekend and police and the motoring organisations are bracing themselves for possible traffic jams in some of the most popular spots.

 The fight for market share of trans-Atlantic services hotted up yesterday when British Airways announced new Apex year round fares which cut some prices by 45

#### Unwary at risk in Highlands

By Kerry Gill.

HORDES of climbers, walkers and skiers will be attracted to the Highlands this unwary regularly fall victim to the region's notoriously fickle spring climate. Easter, according to official

records, can be one of the worst periods for accidents. Mountaineers who have travelled a long distance are not prepared to abort a climb even if the weather is atrocious, there are more inexperienced and ill-clad hillwalkers on the slopes, and conditions, alternately freezing and thawing, can be at their most perilous.

Hamish MacInnes, leader of Glencoe's 24-hour mountain rescue team, said that there had been recent snowfalls and that freezing conditions had developed higher up. Slippages could result in bad accidents because the relatively light snow covering meant that boulders were

exposed. A slight thaw could lead to avalanches higher up, or cornices breaking, as happened last week in the Caimgorms when two men fell 500ft and survived when they landed on deep, soft snow.

After months of trying, do you wonder why you still haven't been blessed with a beautiful lawn?

Well you can stop worrying that you or your partner are to blame. The problem is more likely to lie with the type of fertilizer you're using.

Most of the fertilizers you come across today release the essential nitrogen your grass needs far too quickly. So your lawn unfortunately gets more food than it can digest at any one time.

While this may well make your grass grow faster and greener, in most cases it will only last for a few short weeks. And could, if the fertilizer's applied too liberally, cause fertilizer burn.

So does all this mean that you are sadly never destined to become the proud gardeners of a lush, beautiful lawn?

Absolutely not. Because it is now possible to take advantage of a revolutionary treatment from America called Lawn Builder.

First introduced in 1928 by O.M. Scott and Sons of Ohio, it is still America's most popular fertilizer. And every year makes millions of lawns not only thicker but also a lot greener.

And since Lawn Builder is at last available in Britain it shouldn't be long before you're expecting a little miracle of your own in the garden. Courtesy of Scotts special slow-release feeding technology.

This process ensures that the essential nitrogen your grass needs in order to flourish isn't made available all at once. But instead the nitrogen is provided as and when your lawn needs its food.

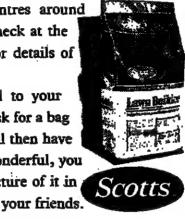
Lawn Builder then continues to feed your grass for months afterwards, resulting in a stronger root system and in turn a healthier looking lawn.

What's more, you don't have to wait for Spring to use Lawn Builder. You can also apply it in the Summer, Autumn and Winter onto wet or dry grass with no watering-in required.

And don't worry if your fingers aren't in the slightest bit green. Unlike other fertilizers, even if you accidentally apply a little too much Lawn Builder and therefore too much nitrogen, you won't end up with unsightly burnt patches on your lawn.

By now you should be able to find Scotts at most good garden centres around the country. (Please check at the bottom of this page for details of your nearest stockist.)

So to put an end to your infertility, be sure to ask for a bag of Lawn Builder. You'll then have a lawn that looks so wonderful, you will want to keep a picture of it in your wallet to show all your friends.



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# Parents fly to US after murder of 'brilliant' daughter

BY DAVID YOUNG.

THE parents of a 27-year-old British woman killed in money and valuables. Neithe French Quarter of New Orleans flew to the American city yesterday as its police intensified the hunt for the mugger who shot her.

Police have warned tourists in New Orleans that they can "advise them but not protect them". They said a mugger "high" on drugs killed Julie Stott. She had been with her friend Peter Ellis when a thief drove up and demanded money. He forced the couple to lie on the ground before opening fire. hitting Miss Stott but miss-

ing Mr Ellis by inches.

Miss Stott was described yesterday as a textile designer with a brilliant future. She had met up in Los Angeles with Mr Ellis, 27, who had been working in New Zea-land for 18 months, before travelling to New Orleans for the jazz festival.

They were leaving a restaurant in a normally quiet quarter of the town on Wednesday when the gunman

money and valuables. Nei-ther resisted but the man opened fire before driving off empty-handed. Mr Ellis was unhurt.

At Sundour Fabrics, the textile firm in Bolton, Greater Manchester, where Miss Stott was development and design manager, the chief executive Peter Robinson said: "We can't believe it. She was a super girl. I took her on six years ago and she finished up managing our design workshop. She was brilliant at the job and had a great future.

"They had not been there very long and had just come out of a restaurant. Julie wouldn't have resisted at all. She was used to travelling and used to go abroad for us with exhibitions."

Miss Stott recently bought a flat in Eccles, Greater Manchester. She joined the Bolton firm after leaving the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology with a degree in

textiles and design. Her par-ents, Ray and Margaret Stott, from Middleton, Greater Manchester, flew to New Orleans yesterday.
Jim Stewart, a murder squad detective in the city, said: "We can only warn

people about the dangers on the street, but we cannot protect them. Tourists get robbed in London too, but our guys have guns.
This girl and her friend had come here because they loved jazz. They just wanted to see where the greats had

played."
Mr Stewart said that the couple had co-operated fully with their attacker, who ap-peared to witnesses to be high on drugs. He had demanded their cash and valuables when suddenly his attitude changed and he started to fire a handgun before jumping back into a car and driving away.

A witness, Cathan McCandlish, said: "Nowhere is safe for a young woman to walk around."



Victim: Julie Stott, murdered in New Orleans

#### Dangers behind carnival mask

NEW Orleans, like the Mar-di Gras masks that are sold in its souvenir shops, conceals a darkness behind a

colourful appeal. This is the warm Southern city that breaks into riotous festivities every March. It is the city whose heart is the shuttered old French Quarter, the home of the Preservation Hall jazz band, of the celebrated if slightly sleazy Bourbon Street, of Cajun and Creole cuisine. It is the starting point for steamboat trips up the Mississippi and visits to the plantation homes of the Old South.

New Orleans attracts 11 million visitors a year and is the third most popular desti-nation in America for foreign travellers. But it is more than that. It is one of the most dangerous cities in the country, where 346 murders were recorded in 1991, an increase of 13 per cent on the previous year.

In 1990, according to the FBI, New Orleans had the second highest per capita murder rate of any major American city, beaten only by Washington DC. The rate was 61 victims per 100,000 residents. For the whole of Britain in 1988 the rate was two per 100,000. In 1990 New Orleans moved from having the sev-

The home of jazz and Mardi Gras recorded 346 murders last year. Martin Fletcher

reports on

New Orleans

enteenth worst overall crime rate in America to the tenth. It suffers the same afflictions as most other American cities, only worse. It has a rampant drug underworld that breeds crime, particularly in its huge public housing projects. Guns are readily available. Louisiana

is one of the poorest states. Exacerbating this blight has been a record of political shenanigans and extremism dating back at least half a century to the days of Governor Huey Long. Metairie, a white suburb of New Orleans, is the base of the racebaiting David Duke, the former state legislator and Ku Klux Klansman running for president. The governor is the roguish Edwin Edwards, who has twice been tried and acquitted on corruption charges and once boasted that only "a dead girl or live boy in my bed" could keep him from winAdmirer leaves **Paisley** £50,000

By ROBIN YOUNG

IAN Paisley has been left £50,000 in the will of an Englishwoman he never met. Ellen Newton, of Hindhead. Surrey, who died in January aged 86, had seen the Democratic Unionist Party leader only on television and read

about him in newspapers. She has left him the money "for the assistance of members of the Protestant community of Northern Ireland suffering financial distress as a result of terrorist activities within the province, as he

shall determine". Mr Paisley's son, Ian, said his father was delighted at the extremely helpful gesture. A trust fund had been set up to invest the money. He said: "If this money had been available after the Teebane massacre it could have been extremely useful to families who lost their only bread winner." Eight Protestant work-ers were killed when the IRA blew up their minibus at the co. Tyrone village in January. Mrs Newton, who had no children, divided all but £7,000 of her £2,791,248 net estate between charities and

Other wills, page 14

#### **Shooting** of farmer accidental

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A WEALTHY farmer who was shot dead in a copse was accidentally killed by a device he made for shooting foxes.

Peter Jowett, 43, was probably the victim of a gust of wind which completed an electrical circuit and trig-gered a .357 magnum bullet from the gun-mounted gad-get he built to protect lambs on his land at Winterslow, Wiltshire.

A coroner's inquest will be held at Salisbury on May 29. Der Chief Insp David Sinciair, who is leading the investigation, said: "We are confident this was a tragic accident with the gun activating while Mr Jowett was close by. We can speculate it was for the purpose of shooting animals but we don't actually know the reason. We must always keep an open mind but at this stage we are not treating it as a murder

enquiry. Although police have not ruled out the possibility that someone else pulled the trigger, they are convinced there is no connection between Mr Jowett's death and an incident last November when he was stabbed by an intruder at his home. Police are appealing to engineering companies from which Mr Jowett may have sought help in making

#### For sale: a fairway to heaven

By JOHN YOUNG

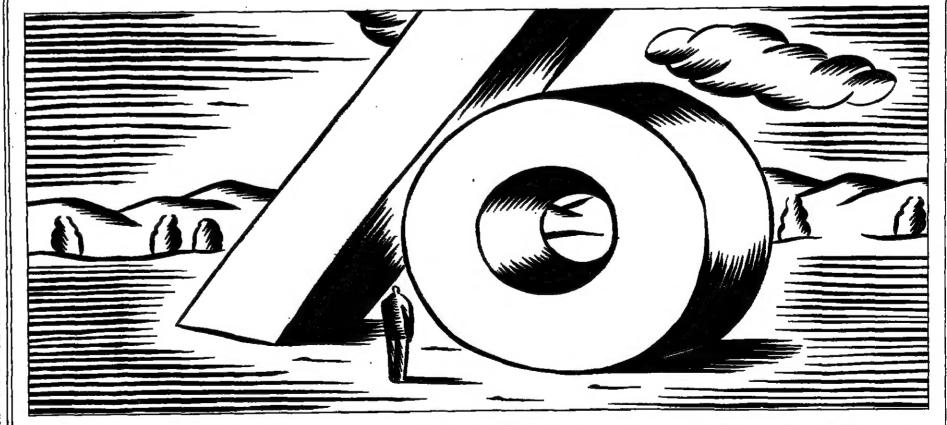
ANY golfer who dreams of playing undisturbed and unhindered by others on the course might like to consider buying Wootton Hall, in north Lincolnshire, which is being effected for sale has its being offered for sale by its owner, John Halmshaw.

Although golf courses in the grounds of country houses are increasingly com-mon, they have nearly all been developed as commer-cial ventures to support the upkeep of the estate. A course built for its owner's exclusive delectation or trustration is a rarity.

Mr Halmshaw bought the eighteenth century house eighteenth century nouse from the Earl of Yarborough 25 years ago. He designed and built the nine-hole par-three course in the grounds in 1980, complete with its own "club house" and bar.

ming pools, some have tennis courts. I'd rather play golf than swim or play tennis," he said. "It is quite a difficult course, and quite a number of my friends have got ex-tremely exasperated with it."

The house, built in 1796, contains two Adam-style fireplaces salvaged from the London home of Lord Yar-borough's mother, which was destroyed in the second through Dickinson, Day & Markham, of Brigg, Humberside.



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#### Asian immigrant appointed QC

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

AN IMMIGRANT who came to Britain unable to speak English was one of 69 Queen's Counsel announced yesterday. Mukhtar Hussain is also the first barrister from an ethnic minority community practising outside London to be made a QC. Three years ago, he was the first Pakistani to be appointed a recorder of the Crown Court.

Mr Hussain, 42, arrived in England with his parents when he was 13. His father began work as a labourer in a textile mill in Preston, Lancashire, before starting a gro-

Mr Hussain had to go to a special school to learn English before he could begin his full-time studies. He took O and A levels at a technical college and decided not to take up a place at the London School of Economics because he did not want to be a financial burden on his parents.

Instead he went to the College of Law in London to take his legal exams and was called to the Bar at 21. He is based on the northern circuit and specialises in criminal and immigration work. As he prepared to celebrate

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taking silk, Mr Hussain, from Rochdale, Greater Manchester, said it proved that, if people worked hard enough, they could overcome other disadvantages. "It does not maner about your background or colour," he said. People can make the breakthrough, though it may take a little longer than normal. The

old concept that you had to be from a particular privileged class to make the break-

through has gone."
Among the new QCs is Estella Hindley, the first woman practising in Birmingham to take silk, and David Pannick, who at 36 is one of the youngest. Mr Pannick, a fellow of All Souls College Oxford, is a regular columnist with The Times.

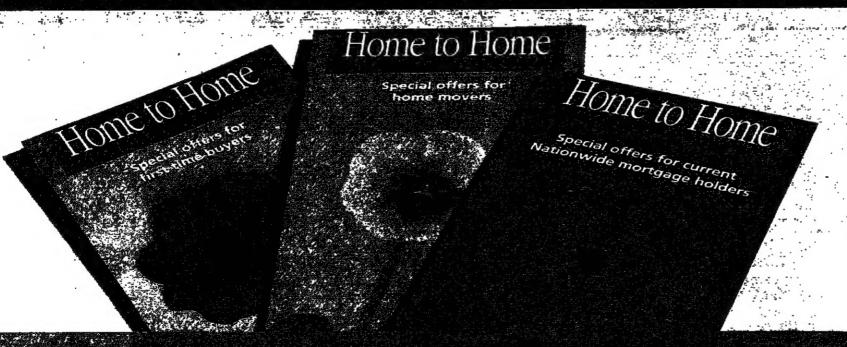
This year there were 420 applications to take silk, including 34 from women and 14 from ethnic minorities. The 69 appointments include seven women (21 per cent of female applicants) and one Asian (7 per cent of ethnic minority applicants). Last year seven women were appointed from 24 applicants.

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Hussain: puts success down to hard work

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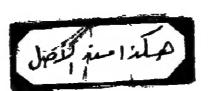
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# New cervical cancer clue yields faster treatment

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A MORE efficient method of screening for cancer of the cervix could help thousands of women whose smear tests are on the borderline.

Scientists from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, University College London and the University Hospital, Nottingham, have shown that the smears can be monitored for the presence of a virus that gives a good indica-tion of whether serious dis-

ease is likely.

Of the five million women in Britain who have cervical smear tests to detect early traces of cancer, about 250,000 a year show slight abnormalities. Many women with abnormal smears will never develop cervical cancer but the difficulty until now has been deciding what to do when small abnormalities are

Malcolm Anderson of the Nottingham hospital, one of the authors of the study published in tomorrow's issue of The Lancet, says: "In some places, women are offered smear tests at shorter intervals and only referred for treatment if the disease persists or progresses. Elsewhere they are offered colposcopy. which involves a physical examination of the cervix with a microscope. The first could be risky and the second is very costly." The screening service "is inundated by a large num-ber of mildly abnormal

Jack Cusick of the research fund says that of 250,000 women with slight abnormalities, 75,000 women may have an important underly-

Butterfly

raiders set

breeders

a-flutter

into glass conservatories

would kill off entire collections. Security is now being improved at Britain's but-

The thieves are believed to be experts who are seek-

ing only the more valuable insects which they mount

and sell to collectors. In a raid earlier this week

thieves escaped with speci-mens of the Blue Morpho

butterfly from a centre at Straford-upon-Avon.

at the New Forest butterfly farm near Ashurst, Hamp-

shire, to monitor the area for signs of thieves. At the farm, Annette Todhunter

The Blue Morpho, a

prime target for theft

said: "We have over 40 types of butterfly here and

we couldn't afford to lose

any. We have never had any

problems, but there are many places that have, so

we must be alert.
"Although there is quite a

trade in breeding butter-flies, I doubt that it is

breeders who are carrying out these thefts. After all,

most species don't live any

longer than three weeks, so there wouldn't be much

"To me, it sounds like

they are taken to be killed,

framed and sold to collec-

tors. You would need to be

an expert to catch them in

the first place."
The main target for but-

terfly raiders thefts is the

Blue Morpho, a bright iri-

descent Malaysian species

with a Sin wing span. It is imported into Britain in

the pupae stage of develop-ment to maintain the

zones until they hatch, suf-

fering a 25 per cent mortal-

ity rate.

stocks at butterfly farms. The pupae, worth £10 each, are kept in locked

Cameras are being used

terfly farms.

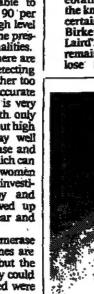
ing disease, but without a hospital referral and biopsy there is no means of knowing which they are. Now they believe they may have found a clue which will help determine which smears justify further examination.

The clue is the presence in the cells of a human papilloma virus known as HPV16. The team, which included George Terry and Linda Ho
of University College London
and Tony Hollingsworth of
Nottingham, examined
smears from 85 women. Using the technique of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to amplify the amount of DNA from the HPV16 virus present, they were able to show that in almost 90 per cent of the cases, a high level of HPV 16 indicated the presence of severe abnormalities.

Dr Cusick says: "There are other methods for detecting HPV, but they are either too laborious or not accurate enough. We think it is very likely that women with only minor abnormalities but high levels of HPV16 may well have high-grade disease and PCR is a technique which can find this out. These women are in need of further investigation by colposcopy and should not be followed up only by a repeat smear and

At present, the polymerase chain reaction machines are not widely available but the team believes that they could be provided if the need were

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#### Coroner discharged after porn phone calls

By DAVID YOUNG The Avon coroner has been discharged, four months after POLICE in rural areas, acwas disclosed that telephone calls were made from poachers, cattle rustlers his office last year to soft porn and other "adult" telephone and sheep stealers, have now been told to be on the lines. Donald Hawkins had alert for butterfly thieves. The gangs are not only stealing valuable rare butbeen on sick leave since last December, when details of

the calls became public.
An auditor acting for Avon terflies but by smashing council found that 33 calls where butterflies breed costing £137 had been made they are threatening to cause changes in tempera-ture and humidity which from Mr Hawkins's office between July and October. One call lasted 15 minutes.

Avon council said yester-day: "The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, discharged Donald Hawkins from office as coroner for Avon due to permanent ill health."

#### Moonies win

The Unification Church, whose members are known as Moonies, has won planning permission for a 120-acre riding centre and cross-country course at Stanton Fitzwarren, Wiltshire. Its applic ation was supported by locals.

Kidnap remand

Michael Sams, 50, of Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, was remanded in custody for a further seven days by Birmingham magistrates. charged with murdering Julie Dart, kidnapping Stephanie Slater and demanding money with menaces.

#### Lineker treated

George Lineker, the six-month-old son of England footballer Gary Lineker, has had a further week of chemotherapy at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street Jonathan Holmes, Mr Lineker's agent, said that doctors were happy with his progress.

Victim named A boy who drowned when he was swept into the sea at Burton Bradstock, Dorset, on

by police as Mark Cleverly. 12, of Hengrove, Bristol. Nursing first Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps has

admitted men for the first

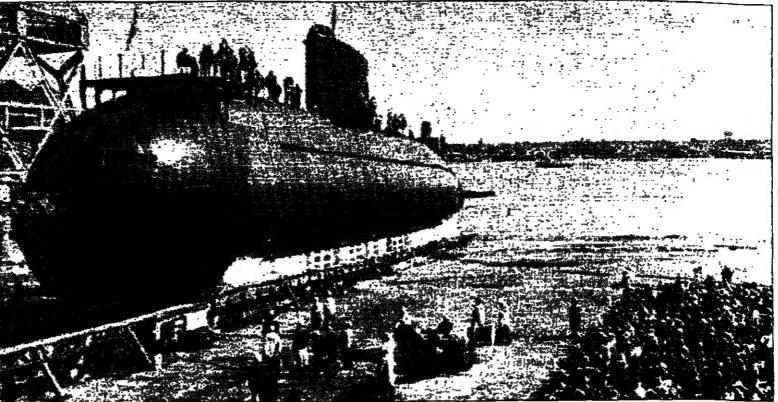
time as it begins integration

Wednesday has been named

with the Royal Army Medical Corps and Royal Army Dental Corps.

#### Radio show

BBC Radio is to mark 70 years of broadcasting with a stage show and exhibition at Broadcasting House, central



Mixed feelings: HMS Unicorn slipping into the waters of the River Mersey yesterday, ending an era in shipbuilding at Birkenhead. A crowd of 4,000 was on hand to

cheer the launch of the 2,400 tonne submarine. But the champagne celebrations were overshadowed by the knowledge that it will be almost certainly the last vessel built at the Birkenhead shipyard. Cammell-Laird's order book is empty and the remaining 1,250 workers are to lose their jobs by June when

sure by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering, its parent company. Workers and management are pinning their of a hopes of a reprieve on an appeal to Michael Heseltine, the new trade and industry secretary. The yard is scheduled to wind down slowly, shedding jobs at a rate of 100 a mouth. At a press conference yesterday, Vickers chiefs cited the end of the Cold War as a major factor in its demise. Lord Chalfont, the chairman, announced

that the company had so far failed to find a buyer for the shipyard as a whole. He blamed the recession and the contraction of the defence industry. "I do not believe that the reconstruction of the defence in-dustry should be left entirely to commercial interests — the govern-ment has to be involved in this," he

HMS Unicorn is the last of three Upholder-class subs built for the Royal Navy at the shipyard. The diesel-electric powered hunter-killer submarine will carry 44 officers and crew and cost the defence ministry £100 million. She should be

handed over to the Navy in June after fitting-out in dry dock.

The shipyard was founded 160 years ago by John Laird. At it peak, it employed 40,000 men and today remains Birkenhead's biggest sindle and today the shipself and t gle employer. Historic vessels built there include HMS Conqueror, the submarine that sank the Belgrano. and HMS Ark Royal, Britain's first aircraft carrier.

#### Six jailed for £17m mortgage fraud

SIX men who ran a mort-gage fraud which netted nearly £3 million in three months were jailed yesterday

at Winchester crown court. A jury was told that mortgages well above the prices of properties, including hotels, were obtained from a building society and two banks. The six were convicted of deception charges involving more than £17 million in loans from the Bank of Scotland, Lombard North Central and the Alliance and Leicester Building Society.

Kamlesh Panchal, 29, of Wembley, north London, described as the operation's planner, fellow accountant Rajinder Kumar, 55, also of Weinbley, and Giles Saldanha, 40, a solicitor's clerk from Burnham, Buckinghamshire, were each jailed for two years.

James Lancaster, 42, of Bracknell, Berkshire, an experienced land valuer, was jailed for 15 months. Harjit Singh, 28, of Hounslow, west London, was given 12 months, and Janail Dhanoa, 38. of Southall, north London, six.



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# Strangeways riot ringleader jailed for ten years

BY RONALD FAUX

PAUL Taylor, ringleader of the Strangeways prison riots in Manchester two years ago, was given the maximum sentence of ten years for rioting by a judge at Manchester crown court yesterday.

Three other men were sentenced to between four and nine and a half years for their the longest siege in the history of the prison service. A fifth man who was earlier cleared of rioting was jailed for 18 months for contempt.

Mr Justice Mantell said at the end of the 13-week trial that Taylor had appointed himself judge, jury and execu-tioner. "You were not only one of the leaders of the riot, you participated in some of its worst violence," the judge told Taylor. That had included a savage attack on an inmate who was beaten and hurled from a third floor landing.

The judge said: "The riot was not a protest against real or imagined grievances but a brutal and cowardly attack on wretched creatures whose offences placed them at the bottom of the prison heap. You, Taylor, forgetful of your



Taylor: maximum term

own past, which includes a conviction for rape, appointed yourself judge, jury and

ing school

contained

ily. Outside, television report-

ers and photographers were

Taylor was nearing the end of a 3 1/2-year term for theft and assault when the riot broke out during a Sunday morning service in the prison chapel. At the crown court hearing he had complained of years of inhumane treatment in the prison system. He had a string of convictions for petty crime and one for rape in 1984.

The judge said that Parliament had provided a maximum sentence of ten years, no doubt with the intention of deterring those who took the law into their own hands and also in the expectation that the maximum sentence would be invoked in an appropriate case. "In my judg-ment this is an appropriate case. I cannot imagine a

John Spencer, 30, from Manchester, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for riot. The judge told him that it was perfectly clear that he had played a full part and he added 18 months to the sentence for contempt of court because of Mr Spencer's part during a disturbance in the dock in the tenth week of the trial, during which the lives of jurors and their families were

Spencer will start his 9 k-year term only after complet-ing a sentence of seven years for robbery which was imposed two years ago. Andrew Nelson, 22, from Manchester, who was cleared of the rioting charge, was also jailed for 18 months for contempt. James Miller, 31, was sen-

#### Siege put prison reform on the political agenda

The disturbances at Strangeways led to a series of improvements in prison conditions and management, but the problem of overcrowding remains a big obstacle to reform, Richard Ford reports

The riot that engulfed Strangeways led not only to Britain's longest jall siege but also to proposals to improve conditions and management in prisons. For the first time this century, it forced the unfashionable area of penal reform on to the political agenda in a way that years of lobbying by pressure groups had failed to do.

The riot led to Lord Justice Woolf's report which made 12 recommendations for improvements. It criticised jail conditions and management and the failure of successive governments to fund the prison service adequately.

Within prisons, the riot was followed by a programme of improvements, including a E36 million scheme to end slopping out by 1994, a year earlier than recommended by Lord Justice Woolf, and the speeding up of a prison build-ing programme. Routine censorship of mail was abolished except for Category A prisoners, cardphones were provided for inmates and more telephones were installed in an effort to help them to keep contact with family and friends.

The entitlement to visits was doubled from one a month to one a fortnight, the involvement of Boards of Visitors in disciplinary matters was ended and there are plans for an independent adjudicator to deal with prisoners' complaints. Some prisons have begun to introduce sentence planning in an attempt to give individual inmates an outline of how they will spend their time in jail and how they can develop their interests and education.

national code of stan-A dards is being drawn up and is intended to create community jails, near big towns and cities, to help prisoners to maintain links with their families. The riot and the Woolf report gave impetus to community involvement in prisoners' resettlement, training, housing and employment. Whether that impetus can be maintained remains to

be seen. The effects within the Home Office and upon the management of the prison service were equally far-reaching. The riot, which led

to disturbances in several other jails, caused a loss of ministerial confidence in prison management and fuelled moves to apply private sector skills to the running of jails. Andrew Sampson, of the

Prison Reform Trust, said: The effect of Strangeways was to inject a sense of urgency into ministers about the need for change. It forced the whole area of prisons into the public arena." After criticism of the lack of

leadership by the prison de-partment. Joe Pilling was made director-general of the prison service with the aim of improving public under-standing of its work. The service is to become a semiindependent government agency as part of an effort to raise morale and to end the Home Office's day-to-day interference in the management of jails.

A criminal justice consultative council has been set up with the aim of improving cooperation between the judiciary, the legal profession, the prison and probation services and others involved in maintaining law and order. Nobody is sure whether it will become more than a talking

n Parliament, the riot I brought legislation creating an offence of prison mutiny, and the penalty for aiding a jail escape was increased from five to ten years' imprisonment.

Difficulties over meal times in some jails remain un-solved. Some prisoners have their last meal of the day as early as 4pm. This grievance is proving hard to resolve because it means tackling the shift system worked by prison

officers.
The Home Office has not accepted the Woolf recommendation that a rule be introduced about jails holding more inmates than their official limits. The rule would have allowed 3 per cent over-crowding in a jail for up to seven days in any three months.

If this latitude was insufficient, the home secretary would have had to issue a certificate explaining why. Overcrowding remains a large obstacle to improving conditions.



Double take: Patrick Moore, left, marked 35 years as presenter of The Sky at Night by unveiling his waxwork yesterday at Madame Tussaud's, London

#### Car boot customers entitled to refunds

By DAVID YOUNG

CAR boot sale enthusiasts now face a challenge as daunting as finding a real bargain. They could try to get their money back on faulty goods under the Sale of Goods Act.

Legal advisers to the Consumers' Association have said that, under certain cir-cumstances, the act applies to goods bought at car boot sales, but that buyers should be prepared for a long slog if they want to claim their legal

Keith Richards, a senior lawyer with the association. said: "Part of the fun of buying at car boot sales is being ing at car boot sales is being able to pick up anything that takes your fancy. The risk of buying a pig in a poke is part of that, but if you can find the vendor and you really want to go by the book, you might get your money back." He said that only if the seller made a false claim could a refund be

songht.
"When you buy secondhand goods privately, the
only legal requirement is that
the seller owns the goods and
that they correspond to any
description given," he said.
"You can try asking for a
written description when you
buy something, but remember it may prove difficult to
track down a seller once track down a seller once you've found that the 'bargain' £10 stereo isn't in full

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#### Parents of stabbed girl given payment

HEALTH authority has agreed to pay an undisclosed sum to the parents of a girl aged 11 who was stabbed to death in a shopping centre. Emma Brodie died a year

ago after Carol Barratt, 24, a psychiatric patient at a hospital in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, stabbed her in the town's Frenchgate shopping centre. An enquiry into the case found that the psychiatrist who allowed Barratt her freedom committed a serious error of professional

udgment.
The amount that Doncaster health authority is paying to Rod and Val Brodie, both 38, of The Plough public house, Doncaster, is not being revealed. John Holt, representing the family, said that the authority did not accept legal liability but was paying the money because of "the unique circumstances" of the case.

Barratt was discharged half-way through a detention order imposed after she tried to attack another schoolgirl in the same shopping centre a few weeks earlier. Dr Neil Silvester, who authorised her release by telephone, was ordered to undergo six months' retraining before resuming his job.

Barratt is serving a life sentence at Rampton after admitting manslaughter on the ground of diminished

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THE most remarkable thing about Mohammad Najibullah, or the Ox as he is known, is that he survived in power in Kabul for so long. When the last Soviet troops pulled out of Afghanistan in February 1989, leaving him

strutting in his presidential palace, there was hardly a western diplomat in the region who did not predict his imminent downfall.

It was said that his army was ill-disciplined and inca-pable of defending the capital against mujahidin guerrillas fired with the scent of victory. Kabul was thought to be acutely vulnerable to blockade once the key Salang highway — linking Afghanistan with the then Soviet Union had been cut by guerrillas under the command of Ahmad Shah Masood.

Through it all Dr Naji-bullah survived, despite such narrow escapes as the at-tempted coup in March 1990 when Shahnawaz Tanai, his hardline defence minister, joined forces with elements of the armed forces and received help from Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the radical Islamic guerrilla leader. But the writ-ing was on the wall after the

failure of the Soviet coup. President Najibullah was widely hated, even by those who had thrown in their lot with his regime. As head of the much leared, KGB-trained Khad secret police before being installed as president, he allegedly organised the torture and killing of hun-dreds of people. He had become a pupper of his Soviet masters — the infidels who had respect for the Koran.

But President Najibullah. neither a fool nor a coward. remained defiantly confident in those dramatic days and in retrospect, with some justification. With a chameleonlike ability to adapt his

political colour, he calculated that by moving away from the rigid communist platform on which he built his power base he could broaden his appeal to Afghans fed up with more than a decade of war. He bought off many smaller guerrilla commanders, giving them positions of responsibility in his government while calling for a peace process that would encompass all the warring groups in Afghanistan: mujahidin moder-ates and extremists, supporters of the former king Zahir Shah, representatives of the refugees in Iran and Pakistan and the old communists of the two main factions, the Khalq (masses) and Parcham

(flag). His survival was partly due also to the chronic inability of resistance groups to sink their differences for long enough to mount an effective military campaign. But in the end he could only play a weak hand for a limited time. Most Afghans still associate him with communism and with the slaughter carried out by the Soviet and Afghan armies during the war. The collapse of the Soviet Union must have unsettled him and left him stranded, desperately trying to change his political tune to

meet the new realities. Dr Najibullah was still hated by the mujahidin and they consistently refused to deal publicly with him or other

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As tough as he was burly, President Najibullah was the great survivor of Afghanistan politics. Edward Gorman looks back on a remarkable career



Pointed gesture: former president Najibullah asserting himself during his days in power

leaders of the government. That did not stop leading mujahidin figures based in Pakistan and Iran from secretly meeting Dr Najibullah or his representatives in Europe and the Middle East.

Dr Najibullah is a big man

- perhaps 18 stone - who was reputed at one time to have 20 mistresses on whom he lavished expensive pre-sents. He earned his nickname. the Ox, while at university, an indication of his size and a strength which he developed through his keen interest in weightlifting and wrestling. He also enHis father was a government official representing Kabul in Peshawar with a brief to cultivate contacts among the warring tribes of the frontier. giving the young Najibullah his first lessons in the diplomatic art of what is sometimes known as "frontier cricket". He is married and has three daughters.

Afghan Ox turned chameleon reaches end of road

He graduated from an elite high school in Kabul in 1965 and spent 10 years at university in the city studying medicine. He qualified but has never practised as a doctor. Former school friends

remember him as a devout

Muslim - Najibullah means "noble man of God" - but at university he was active in student politics, choosing dialectical materialism over Islamic fundamentalism, and becoming a young leader of the Parchami wing of the fledgeling communist party. He was jailed at least twice as a student, once for leading an egg-throwing attack on the car of Spiro Agnew, the former US vice-president, on a visit to Afghanistan. According to one possibly apocry-phal story he first fell out with Ahmad Shah Masood during a basketball game at univer-sity when Mr Masood, who

was refereeing, sent him off for foul play.

For a while after taking office Dr Najibullah dropped the "ullah" from his name with its religious overtones, although he restored it when he became head of state and embarked on a policy of reconciliation. During the years of the supremacy of the Khalo wing of the party after the revolution of 1978. Dr

Najibullah together with other Parchami leaders was sent into virtual exile - in his case as ambassador to Iran. After absconding from the embassy and looting it of its cash he disappeared to eastern Europe, not resurfacing again until the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 when he returned to the capital with Babrak Karmal, the new president, leading a regime supported by Moscow and dominated

Parchamis. At that time Dr Najibullah was a fervent and ambitious believer in the communist cause, convinced of the need for sweeping change in Afghanistan including radical land reforms, many of which have since been abandoned. His loyalty was rewarded when he was made head of the Khad in 1979, a position he held until 1986 when he took over from an "unwell" Karmal who retreated by way of a one-way ticket to Mos-cow. Dr Najibullah promptly purged 15 Karmal support-ers from the central committee and stiffened party discipline with an oath of loyalty to

In the old Soviet Union Dr Najibullah could always bank on a comfortable dacha outside Moscow if things started getting too difficult for him in Kabul. Now the Russians may not be so keen on enter-taining their former ally and he may have to look further afield - perhaps Chile - for a retirement home.

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Power play: one of the young mujahidin who took up arms against Najibullah's forces

# Money market gives currency to Kabul's gloom

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

NOTHING captures the mood of Kabul more than its money market, a ramshackle collection of wooden, tinroofed shops where Sikhs and Hindus deal openly, if illegally, in hard currency. The verdict yesterday was definitive: the market lowered its steel

loved swimming, tennis and

He is soft-spoken, with pen-

etrating brown eyes, but ex-udes dynamism and author-

ity. "He has an easy charm,

but can suddenly change his

manner from a relaxed pleas-

antness to cold, steel-like sus-

picion," one acquaintance

He was born in 1947 to a

middle-class Pathan family in

the eastern provincial city of

Gardez and spent much of his

childhood in the Pakistan

frontier town of Peshawar,

where his enemies based

themselves during the war.

other sports at university.

shutters and closed. "What is going to happen?" Waryam Singh asked. "People are not coming to Kabul any more because it is too dangerous. I have been changing no more than \$4,000 (£2,270) a day for

Most larger shops in the scruffy city have closed, fearing looters at a time when law and order are breaking down.

The marketplaces, however, continue selling produce to those still able to pay the prohibitive prices. Veiled women sit on pavements and beg, some with their sick children sleeping beside them. Boys run around with tin cans begging, and war



victims hobble on crutches, hands outstretched for a few

Vegetables have nearly doubled in price in recent weeks, and meat is for the privileged few. The encroaching mujahidin have cut off Kabul from its hinterland, and little is getting through. Even the Japanese television sets and electronic goods that used to be piled high in the shops are in short supply because the smuggling route from central Asia has been severed by the mujahidin sejzure of the Salang highway. Lorry drivers know they will be robbed, so they don't

Muhammad Jon, a sales-

man in one of the high-tech shops, said that the rich had left the country, so there was nobody left to buy anything. Outside, the bustle of the marketplace goes on, but with an air of apprehension revealed by the groups around a short-wave radio listening to the Pashto service of the BBC World Service.

Soldiers lounged outside a ministry of posts building, smoking Japanese cigarettes and chewing Danish gum. Afghanistan is a country of smugglers: until now practically everything could be acquired from anywhere in the world. Now there are shortages. "I don't care if Najibullah is in power or not," one soldier said. "Like everybody, all we want is peace. It doesn't matter who is In power." The soldier is a teenager. He will desert if it suits him. It has been said that anybody can hire an Afghan, but nobody can own him. Allegiances are transactions of convenience. The soldier said he had a brother in the mujahidin:

they were still friends. Muhammad Zaman is one of the few gold merchants still displaying his wares. Around him stalls are filled with potatoes, onions and rice that few people can afford. Boys steal bread from a big pile on the roadside. The vendor doesn't chase them. It is already stale because customers are few.

# Palestinian group offers to fight for Gaddafi

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AS ARABS rallied to the side of Libya in its latest conflict with the West, Ahmad Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and once widely accused of mas-terminding the Lockerbie bombing, told a protest rally in Syria that Palestinians were ready to fight alongside Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. Mr Jibril told an angry gathering at the Yarmuk refugee camp that his comman-

immediately champion the Libyan people".

The pleage carries an implicit threat of a new wave of anti-Western terrorism in response to the United Nations sanctions imposed against Libya. Extra security mea-sures have been ordered at American, British and French installations in Mid-

dos were waiting for the word

from Colonel Gaddafi "to

dle East cities. "We all know about the real Libyan story," claimed Mr Jibril, whose men were once trained by Libyan security men in camps near Tripoli-"It is not that of a Pan Ameri-

can airliner, but it is Washington's desire to dominate the entire Arab Maghreb where big quantities of crude

Although nearly all Arab states halted Libyan flights yesterday, most took no action against Libyan diplo-



Jibril: waiting for the word from Gaddafi resolution. A number, includ-

ing Syria and Sudan, gave official backing to the In a blow to the new alli-

ances formed in the region by

announced that a leading figure in the ruling Baath party had gone to Tripoli to "ex-press Syria's support and soli-darity with Libya". Iran announced that it would not expel Libyan envoys.

Sudan, a member of the
21-strong Arab League, de-

James Baker, the American

Secretary of State, Sana, the

official Syrian news agency,

international crime". Dr Shakir Al-Sharaj, chairman of Sudan's foreign relations committee, urged Arab, Islamic and Third World states not to enforce the sanctions.

An immediate result of the sanctions was to elevate Colonel Gaddafi, once dismissed by the late President Sadat of Egypt as "100 per cent mad", as an unlikely champion of the Arab and Islamic cause. iplomatic observers see little likelihood of Colonel Gaddafi, whose power is depen-dent on his intelligence services, agreeing to hand over the two Lockerbie suspects despite diplomatic pressure from a handful of moderate Arab states led by Egypt.

# British sail to Malta as Libya flights end

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN VALLETTA, MALTA

working in Libya, some Brit-ish, arrived here yesterday on board the first Libyan ship to dock in Malta since United Nations sanctions cut flights

to and from Libya. Malta, which has close ties with Libya, offers one of the more convenient ways get around the air travel embargo, as there is regular ferry service. Valletta and Tripoli are roughly 200 miles apart. Sea travel is not covered by

the sanctions. Reporters at the port esti-mated that between 600 and 700 passengers disembarked, but port sources said the number was a couple of hun-dred lower. The largest national group among the for-eigners aboard the Toletela was Maltese. There were also dozens of Filipinos and Italians and some British, Canadians and Dutch. The ship

also carried Libyans. Most foreigners on the ship work for oil companies, and many of them were leaving the country as part of their annual holiday. "The formal-ities to leave Libya on the ship were simple, and life in the

AT LEAST 400 foreigners country appears quite normal," one Italian business man said.

Many workers said they planned to go back to their jobs after spending time off with their families. In Malta they planned to take flights to other destinations.

The Toletela is a cruise ship which doubles as a cargo vessel when passengers are few. Port sources said the ship is not usually so full. Hours after the sanctions went into force, a Maltese hydrofoil company announced that agreement had been reached to begin five round trips weekly between the island.

and Libya.

Air Malta said yesterday that it was trying to get per-mission for flights between Valletta and Jerba island, off the Tunisian coast. Passengers landing in Jerba could then eventually go into Libya

Malta is adhering to the sanctions. A Libyan commercial airliner was turned back on Wednesday night on the transport officials in Valletta

#### Ancient feuds glossed over in the Holy Sepulchre

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

When the first of 40,000 Christian pilgrims pass through the doors of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for the Good Friday services they will discover that Christendom's holiest site remains a living monument to man's frailty, 2,000 years after Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and resurrected for their sins.

While some worshippers may be still be able to experience a spiritual sensation as they proceed down the steps of Calvary to the tomb of Christ, it will take great effort to blot out the souldestroying vision before them. The rival Christian denominations who control the Holy Sepulchre have been in open competition for so many centuries that the building has been transformed into a warren of chapels, each gaudier than the next, and incongruously sitnated beside crumbling masonry and roofing, the result of continued wrangling over who has the right to repair the church. "One expects the central

shrine of Christendom to stand out in majestic isolation, but anonymous buildings cling to it like barnacles," wrote Father Gerome Murphy O'Connor, a Dominican monk and biblical archaeologist, in his book, The Holy Land. "One looks for luminous light, but it is dark and cramped. One

hopes of peace, but the ear is assailed by a cacophony of warring chants. One desires holiness, only to encounter a jealous possessiveness: the six groups of occupants -Latin Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Armenians, Syrians, Copts, Ethiopians - watch one another suspiciously for any infringement of rights."

E ver since the Byzan tine emperor Constantine built the first church in the fourth century to commemorate the Resurrection, the building has endured a tur-bulent history first at the hands of Persians, Jews and Egyptians, who destroyed the original structure. Since the Middle Ages, however, most of the damage to the

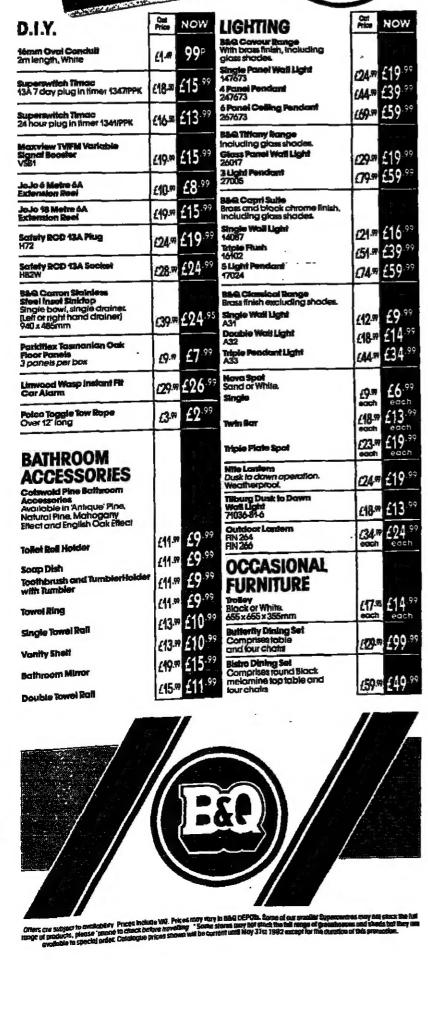
hallowed site has been inflicted by Christians. A first-time visitor can de-

tect that all is not well in the bosom of Christendom by making discreet enquiries with the church doorkeeper, a Muslim Palestinian from the Nusseibeh family, who have held the keys to the Holy Sepulchre for centuries because the Christians could not agree among themselves who should fulfil this sacred duty.

In the past the rivalry has led to outbreaks of violence between the competing Christians, like in 1856, when fighting broke out be-tween Armenian and Greek monks inside the tomb of Christ during the Easter ceremony of the miracle of the Holy Fire. Ten men were injured.

However, church leaders that they are able, on occasion, to behave like responsible representatives of the world's most powerful churches. Last month, for instance, the three dominant churches agreed what colours to paint the church dome. But what they will only admit with reluctance is that this small point of interior design took more than 30 years to negotiate and seems to offer little hope that the thornier disputes will ever be resolved.

Daniel Johnson, page 12



# Fall of a merchant prince shakes Italian business

ONE of the greatest merchant princes of Italian finance. Carlo De Benedetti. was convicted of fraud yesterday and sentenced to six years and four months' imprisonment for his role in the 1982 crash of Banco Ambrosiano, the Milan bank headed by the late Roberto Calvi. The business empire co-ordinated by De Benedetti includes a controlling share through his Compagnie Industriali Riunite holding company in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

The bank collapsed in Au-

gust 1982 50 days after the lifeless body of Calvi, the Ambrosiano chairman, was found hanging from scaffold-ing under Blackfriars Bridge in London. Investigators still have not agreed whether Calvi, known as "God's Banker" because of his ties to the Vatican, committed sui-cide or was murdered.

Also among those convicted yesterday was Licio Gelli, the self-styled Grand Master of the banned Propaganda

The trial of financiers linked to the fall of Banco Ambrosiano was a postscript to a scandal that engulfed Italy's establishment, John Phillips writes

Due (P2) masonic lodge to which Calvi also belonged. Gelli, who refused to attend the trial because the authorities would not let him visit his wife who is ill in France, received a prison term of 18 years and six months.

The image of the Italian establishment has never recovered from the P2 affair. lieve the defeat of the Christian Democrats in the recent Italian general election was partly a delayed reaction against the political corrup-tion the scandal has exposed since it emerged in 1981. The discovery of the P2 scandal had brought down the government of Arnaldo For-lani, now secretary of the Christian Democrat party. The conviction of De Benedetti was a bizarre postscript to the murky P2 affair, which involved cabinet ministers, generals, journalists and have been a plot to destroy Italian democratic institutions. In 1986, Michele Sindona, a financier who once advised the Vatican, died after drinking a poisoned cup had been jailed for life for the murder of a lawyer who had been the liquidator of his

Italian banking empire.

Banco Ambrosiano folded with debts worth the equivalent of \$1 billion (£568 million). But much of this was recovered by the liquidators and through a transaction with the Vatican bank, the Institute for Religious Works, which in 1984 paid

\$250 million to Ambrosiano creditors as a goodwill gesture while insisting it was not to blame morally or legally for the spectacular failure. The public prosecutor

sought to bring to trial the former president of the institute, Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, an American, and two other former officials of the bank. But in 1988 the Italian Court of Cassation cancelled the indictments because of the sovereign status of the Vatican.

The Milan trial follows an eight-year investigation: The highest sentence went to Umberto Ortolani, a financier and a senior member of P2. who received 19 years in jail. The verdict in the Milan

tribunal against De Benedetti, aged 57, and 32 others who were also found guilty has shocked the Italian business establishment. Shares in the Piedmontese financier's computer giant, Ing C. Olivetti & C. Spa. and his holding company Com-pagnie Industriali Riunite



De Benedetti: found guilty of fraud

tumbled on the Milan stock exchange when the judges issued the sentence after a week of deliberation in the trial that opened in May Lawyers acting for De Be-

nedetti, nicknamed "L'Ingegnere" (the Engineer) here because of his all pervasive influence on the peninsu-la, said they would appeal against what they called "a



remains a mystery

is disconcerting for anybody who knows the facts and still

believes in the law.
"During the hearing not one sole proof of co-responsi-bility of Carlo De Benedetti in the collapse of the bank emerged," said the lawyers Giandomenico Pisapia and Marco de Luca in a statement. "We will immediately lodge an appeal."

The prison sentence hand-



of the P2 lodge

connection with Italy's biggest post-war bankruptcy was two months longer than the public prosecutor. Pier Luigi dell' Osso, had requested. However, he remained free after the sentence because under Italian law most people convicted of a crime do not have to start a prison term unless the conviction is confirmed by both an appeal court and the su-



Marcinkus: indictment had been cancelled

De Benedetti was deputy chairman of the Ambrosiano from November 1981 to January 1982 when he sold out his stake in what was formerly the largest private bank in Italy. He was not present at the court for the sentencing, under which he and the others convicted would be banned from managing public companies for ten years if the higher courts uphold the

# **Britain condemns** Serb aggression

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic correspondent AND TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO

IN ONE of its strongest statements vet on Yugoslavia, Britain yesterday condemned the violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a deliberate attempt by Serbian extremists to undermine the republic's territorial integrity and destroy the constitution brokered by the European Community.

The Foreign Office said Serbian paramilitary units bore the main responsibility for bloodshed and for driving many innocent civilians from their homes. It also deplored the activities of the federal army, which it said had openly sided with terrorists instead of separating the warring factions. "Serbia cannot expect a settled place in international institutions if it instigates civil war in Bosnia or the partition of that republic," the state-

Britain called for an immediate halt to the fighting, an end to outside interference and the return of the federal army to its barracks. The paramilitary groups should should renew their co-opera- the Yugoslav seat, held by the

FRANCE yesterday followed

the example of Britain and other Nato allies by announc-

ing cuts in the French con-

script army of up to 25 per

cent. reducing manpower from 280,000 to 220,000 over the next five years. The

equivalent of a division will be

The reductions announced

by Pierre Joxe, the French defence minister, will also af-

fect the air force and navy.

with a proposed cut in com-

but aircraft from 450 to fewer

than 400 and the closure of

The move by France echoes

defence cuts already an-

nounced by many other Nato

Joxe: plans to stabilise

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planned by the United States.

with the American military

presence coming down by

about half, from 300,000 to

Nato in February by declar-

ing that all its 7,000 troops in

Europe would be withdrawn

by 1994. The Canadian gov-

ernment is under pressure to

Britain, which was among

the first Nato countries to

announce planned cuts in

armed forces' manpower is

end of the Cold War.

150,000 by 1994.

change its mind.

several naval air bases.

scrapped each year.

France cuts armed

forces by a quarter

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



tion with the United Nations and Cyrus Vance, its special

Further condemnation came from Germany and the United States, which want to punish Serbia by suspending fugoslavia's seat at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. A German foreign ministry statement said James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, had reached agreement over the move. Herr Genscher had sent a fivepoint message to the EC de-

reducing the army by 25 per

cent over the next three years.

bringing the total down from 156,000 to 116,000. About

25,000 British troops will be

staying in Germany.

do not change policy.

ed Muslim resistance in a key town in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday. Troops entered the predominantly Muslim city of Visegrad, Tanjug news agency reported. Overnight fighting was reported in Sarajevo, Foca, about 30 miles southeast of the Bosnian capital, and Mostar, inland from Croatia's Adriatic coast.

troops to Bosnia-Herzegovnia. The former American Secretary of State, who yesterday began a series of meet-ings with Bosnia's ethnic leaders and the Sarajevo com-mander of the Yugoslav army, insisted that a solution could be found only through EC-sponsored talks.

attention to a radio interview given by Douglas Hurd on Wednesday, in which the foreign secretary spoke about Serbia. He said: "The Serbs know that they can't exist in isolation, that they are at the heart of Europe and there is no way in which they can survive or continue isolated, cut off from their neigh-bours." He said the West needed to use those facts "to bring them to reasonable be-haviour in the republics of

M Joxe said that troops traditionally based near the Fighting in Bosnia over the German border would be redeployed and modernised for new missions. He said the Gulf war had underlined the need to increase the number of career suldiers in relation to conscripts. About 10,000 regular Foreign Legion troops were sent to the Gulf. More than half of next year's cuts will affect units made up

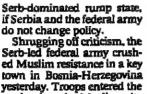
mostly of conscripts, each of whom normally do a tenmonth national service. The defence ministry in Paris said cuis would affect 24,000 soldiers and 4,750 civilians working for the military next year. This year 15,000 military and 3,300

civilian jobs are going. Next year's reductions will mainly affect French forces in Germany and northern and eastern France. An army corps based in the German town of Baden-Baden, an infantry division near Amiens in the north of France and an be dissolved.

Gilles de Robien, mayor of Amiens and a member of the conservative opposition, condemned the cuts as hasty at a time of instability in the formembers, following a review mer Soviet Union. "Lowering of military budgets after the our guard seems precipitate and could make our country The largest reduction in troops based in Europe is vulnerable," he said.

M Joxe admitted that the break-up of the Soviet Union had led to much uncertainty. He recognised the risks from "massive and cheap imports of weapons" from the former Canada shocked the rest of Soviet states.

However, he told the National Assembly defence committee, that France, "like other Western democracies". was striving to "stabilise its defence spending". He said his goal was gradually to reduce the strength of the army "by 25 per cent as in Britain



Mr Vance ruled out the dispatch of UN peacekeeping

The British statement drew

Yugoslavia". The Foreign Office said that Croatian extremist groups shared the blame to a lesser extent, but the weight of its unusually forceful con-demnation fell squarely on

past month has led to 170,000 people fleeing their homes, according to the Sarajevo office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. "This is the largest, fastest-moving refugee situa-tion since the Kurds fled." said Fabrizio Hochschild, a spokesman. "We are prepar-ing for a quarter of a million refugees."

Paris: The Western European Union parliamentary assembly has urged the ninenation defence group to send a peacekeeping force to Bos-nia. The Maastricht treaty defined the WEU as the future defence arm of the



Reaching out: a child holds out its hand as hooded men, leading the traditional Holy Week procession, pass by in Seville, where Expo '92 opens on Monday. The event, however, may be disrupted by a nationwide strike of hotel workers.

Unions launched a two-day strike yesterday and said further disruption during Expo and the summer Olympic games in Barcelona could not be ruled out if employers refused to renegotiate the 48-year-old national labour agreement.

#### Raisa laments hard times

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

RAISA Gorbachev, the former Soviet first lady who is in Japan with her husband at the end of a ten-day tour, appears to have enjoyed the sightseeing and shopping in Tokyo's department stores so much that she is loath to go home and resume a lifestyle she says is plagued with all the economic difficulties that affect the country.

Prompting visions of her

queueing among Moscow's burly housewives for scraps of frozen cabbage, Mrs Gorbachev told the Yomiuri Shimbun that her family's housing, lood and medical services have been affected drastically since Mikhail Gorbachev's resignation in

December. "Our home is not immune to the economic problems plaguing our coun-ny," she said. Her daughter and son-in-law were looking for extra jobs "because their salaries as doctors are not enough to make ends meet".

However, thanks to their invitation to Japan by a committee headed by Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former prime minister, Mr and Mrs Gorbachev may now be in a pos-ition to ease their financial difficulties. For his participation in several conferences and his willingness to smile to television cameras on a visit to Tokyo Disneyland, Mr Gorbachev is being paid an undisclosed fee. Pravda estimated last week that Mr Gorbachev could earn \$500,000 (£284,000) during the trip, but a spokesman for the Yomiuri Shimbun, one of the sponsors, denied this, saying only that a "moderate" sum would be paid.

But what is moderate by Japanese standards is likely to be colossal in the eyes of Mr Gorbachev's compatriots. Lucrative lecture tours have become the prerogative of former world leaders. Ronald Reagan, the former American president, still hangs on to his position at the top of the Japanese pecking order of retired leaders, and is said to have received up to \$2 million for his tour.

#### rebels mourn death of terror The end of communism and suspension

'Kill the rich'

of violence by urban terrorists has left Berlin's anarchists deprived of inspiration, Anne McElvoy writes

The huddle of leather jack-ets and Palestinian-style scarves around the metal tables of one of Kreuzberg's more disreputable cases had the distinct look of a wake. Gloom was exched on the unshaven faces of Berlin's dis-enchanted, many of whom sympathise openly with terrorism, after the announcement that the Red Army Faction was to suspend its 20year campaign of violence.

Jens, sporting the popular
"Kill the Rich" sticker, said:

They were our frontline warriors in the struggle against capitalism. They were the only force strong enough to shake up this rotten, self-satis-

Others were debating whether there was a point in trying to fight "state violence" any longer now that even the throwing in the bloodied towel. Kreuzberg is preparing itself for the ritual May Day street battles between masked protesters called Autonomen. vhose idea of a good day out entails throwing a petrol bomb followed by a bit of rough-and-tumble with the robust Berlin police.

The Autonomen are unlikely to renounce the thrill of living on the edge of the underworld, but since the col-lapse of communism, they looked like a bunch of rebels in search of an elusive cause. Anti-capitalist slogans have been replaced by a plethora of causes. "Against speculators — male or female" reads one daubed message from a polit-

ically-correct paintbrush. Indifferent to their own Lountry's politics, many have switched their focus to the plight of Turkey and joined the local anti-govern-ment faction. Look carefully and you can even find vintage graffiti from the glory years of the 1970s. "Free Astrid Proll" demands faded lettering near a disused station. A disrespectful hand has more recently added: "With every box of cornflakes."

At the squat that bears the name of the Office for the Organisation of Unexpected Events - a peculiarly teutonic combination of anarchy and bureaucracy — there was no one at home. The organiser had no plans for spontane-ous disruption, his girl friend said. He had recently taken up swimming.

The 15-person command of the Red Army Faction this week wrote to Bonn promising to renounce violence in return for a reduction in sentences of its longest-serving prisoners. Experts on terrorism said the move confirmed their impression of deep frus-tration within the movement at its failure to change Ger-

man society.

Another group calling itself the Revolutionary Cells recently disbanded with a desperate farewell-to-arms letter.

We no longer feel that our efforts are worthwile Impact. efforts are worthwile. Imperialist Germany has swallowed up socialist Germany, and the influence of capital is as brittle and absolute as ever."

Klaus Kinkel, the justice minister, has indicated that he is ready to take a softer line with prisoners in an attempt to break what he has called "the unhappy 20-year cycle" of atrocities prompting Draconian sentences leading to further violence. He has let it be known that if the Red Army Faction ceases to organise attacks, some imprisoned terrorists could be freed on the ground that they would no longer be able to

return to the underground. The collapse of East Ger-many removed both an ideological inspiration and a safe haven. Ten wanted activists were found to be living under false names in the east. Many of them had cut sorry figures in court, saying they had put their violent pasts behind them and regretted their in-volvement. Their fate may have acted as a warning to today's urban guerrillas that terrorism and middle age do not mix.

The Red Army Faction attracted the alienated children of industrialists, bankers and politicians who had risen to social prominence in the 1960s. It exuded a potent, romantic appeal. In recent years the attacks became fewer, but the targets grander. The last victim, shot dead last Easter Monday, was Detlev Rohwedder, head of Treuhand, the agency responsible for privatisation in the East.

# Gallic barricades fall to a battery of burgers

AS WE all know, the French live to eat, lesser breeds like we Anglo-Saxons merely eat to live, and respective national attitudes to the pleasures of wine underline la

But in the week that Euro-Disney has deployed its bat-tery of burgers, pizzas, pas-tas and the rest on the outskirts of Paris comes news that our Gallic neighbours are not exactly barricading themselves against the incursion of fast foods, frozen foods and foods that maman would never have let

through the front door. According to government researchers. French eating and drinking habits have changed profoundly over the past 20 years, to the point where they are now spending significantly more on

frozen food at the supermarket and turning in ever greater numbers to mineral water and fruit juice to accompany their meals. In the decade to 1989, spending on pre-prepared food from frozen vegetables to instant TV dinners — rose

no less than 500 per cent. True, that startling figure must be considered against the preceding era in France, when indulgence in any-thing like this was practical-ly a criminal offence, but there is unlikely to be any turning back on the road to the walk-in freezer. As the researchers see it, having surveyed some 10,000 households, "l'urbanisation" and the increased number of women working full time largely explains this shift, which has hit the traditional corner shops very hard. Less than 5 per cent of the average French shopping basket is now bought there.

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

As for strong drink, while the French still top the world



consumption table, the amount of wine now con-sumed per capita has but doubled to over 19 per cent during the past ten

plunged by nearly a third to 31.7 litres a year. About 20 per cent of the

average French family's income now goes on food, which is sharply down over the past decade; perhaps the saving goes towards paying for the other national passions, looking good and taking long, exotic holidays.

It is a pleasure to report, however, that all is not turned upside down in the land of serious gastronomie. Whatever the allure of fast foods and soft drinks in front of the telly, the French still regard eating out as one of the hallmarks of a truly mature civilisation, and they go at it with such gusto that the share of their budget de-voted to restaurants has all years. Hooray for them and not go to live in Paris to be confronted with fast foods, nor, come to that, to be hounded by faddists giving warnings about the dangers posed by a richly bourgeoise diet. Did we not read lately of the extraordinary good health enjoyed by the good people of Gascony, who were practically weaned on

is it permissible for an exile to add, in conclusion, that whatever the French do or do not eat, they appear to thrive on it. Without a statistic to hand, one would still feel safe in asserting that there are far fewer overweight and pasty people on the streets of France than there are on the other side of

#### Russia votes to change name again

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MOSCOW

THE Russian parliament voted yesterday to change the name of the country from the Russian Federation to Russia, the third name change since August.

President Yeltsin and some of his aides had proposed retaining the name Russian Federation, as the country has been known since the Soviet collapse last year. Before then the country was called the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic. one of the 15 Soviet republics. After 25 minutes of debate the Congress of People's Deputies voted 871 to 30, with 30 abstentions, to amend the constitution to make the name "Rossiya" in Russian.

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# Support for populist billionaire alarms **Bush and Clinton**

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Wall Street Journal has never been an enemy of multimillionaires. Nevertheless, the newspaper carried two columns of letters yesterday from readers outraged by a columnist's disparagement of Ross Perot, the Texas billion-aire who is likely to run for

president this year.

Mr Perot was "the best hope this nation has to fix an economic mess neither party can correct", wrote John Clark of New York, "If our political leadership is hellbent on taking us off the financial cliff, it may be somewhat bet-ter to know that the Texas billionaire is in the saddle," declared Robert Ferguson of

Virginia.
R.J. McCrory of North Carolina spoke of a "gigantic swell of hope" since Mr Perot came forward. "His candidacy taps a latent energy that will bring about a change in American politics approach-

50 die in

Nairobi

air crash

Nairobi: At least 50 people

were killed yesterday when a

Kenyan air force plane

crashed in a Nairobi suburb and skidded on its belly into a

block of flats where it explod-

ed in a ball of fire, military

Lieutenant General Moha-

moud Mohamed, the army's

sources said.

hurt," he added.

of the aircraft. (Reuter)

racism and brutality.

Fraud alleged

Paris: French authorities

have launched fraud investi-

gations into nine professional

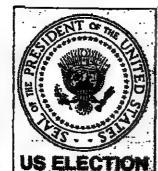
harassment of women in the

workplace violates rights and

ordered a male editor to pay £1,430 to a former female

staff for saying she was pro-

miscuous. (Reuter)



ing the collapse of the USSR. Just wait and see. Even though it's not visible from the Potomac, it is clear

The strength of Mr Perot's populist challenge is, in fact, becoming increasingly apparent in Washington. Two polls yesterday showed one in four Americans backing him even before he has begun

campaigning. Commentators now talk of his being the strongest, inde-pendent presidential bid

since Theodore Roosevelt won 27 per cent as a Progressive in 1912, and do not dismiss an outright victory.

The Republican and Dem-

ocratic hierarchies contend with some justification that Mr Peror's support can only diminish as the electorate learns more about him. He has only the vaguest programme for government, no political experience and no national machine. What he does have, however, is that rare ability for a billionaire to tap into the ordinary American's present rage, an image as patriot and self-made businessman of almost mythical proportions, and the ability to spend more money than President Bush and Bill Clinton combined.

He has pledged to spend \$100 million (£57 million) or "whatever it takes" on his campaign. "The potential is mindboggling," Bob Beckel, the Democratic consultant who ran Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, said. "You could reach virtually every disaffected voter and the others could only stand by and watch. You could also buy up a whole wad of commercial air time in October to make it difficult

Mr Perot says his support-ers must get him on the ballot in all 50 states before he will agree to stand, but few now doubt that he will formally declare in June. A survey in The Washington Post yester-day gave him 23 per cent support, just one point be-hind Mr Clinton with Mr Bush on 37. A Wall Street Journal poll gave him 26 per cent to Mr Clinton's 30 and

for the others to find any good

Mr Bush's 38. The White House fears Mr Perot will siphon off critical support for Mr Bush in the key electoral states of Texas and California, but the Journal poll, the most compre-hensive yet, contains warn-ings for both parties. It shows he has support in all regions and is beating Mr Climon in the west, draws votes from Mr Clinton and Mr Bush, wild grasses.



#### García charged on arms

IN LIMA

ALAN Garcis, the former Peruvian president who has been in hiding since his successor dissolved parliament and suspended the constitution in the same will be tion I I days ago, will be charged with illegal arms possession, the interior min-

Chief of Staff, said the Buffalo DHC5's left engine had cut out and the crew had atstry has announced. The prosecutor handling tempted to make an emergenthe case has been authorised cy landing. "A total of 45 passengers and crew [were] to file similar charges against Agustin Mantilla on board . . . All on board are Campos, the former interior minister, who like Sedor Gar-cia is a member of the oppo-sition American Popular Revolutionary Alliance. feared dead. Two residential flats next to the crash scene caught fire and some residents are feared to have been

But President Fujimori told Japanese reporters late on Wednesday that "there is no arrest order for political The crumpled tail section and torn portions of the wings were all that remained opposition members" including Senor Garcia and Carios Garcia y Garcia, Pe-ru's second vice-president, a LA law change Vashington: Willie Williams hristian evanc

48, has been appointed as the has taken refuge in the Argentine embassy here. Officials have said they first black chief of the Los Angeles police department searched Senor Mantilla He takes over a thoroughly Campos's house and found demoralised force which has weapons and ammunition acquired a reputation for usually reserved for use by

the police and armed forces. The former president is to be charged with "illegal possession and use of firearms for the Aprista party," the interior ministry said, refer-ring to the local name for

football clubs, including Senor Garcia's party. league leaders Olympique He faced corruption charges after his five-year presidential term ended in Marseille, owned by the controversial urban affairs minister, Bernard Tapie. (AFP) 1990. The charges were dropped in January and he Peril ignored since has become an outspoken opposition leader.

Kiev: Secret documents published in the Ukrainian news-He has been a staunch crit-le of President Fujimor's depaper Pravda Ukrainy reveal cision on April 5 to dissolve that soldiers and workers who were ordered to dean up after tution and order some oppo-sition leaders to be held the 1986 Chemobyl nuclear accident had no protection against radiation. (AP) temporarily under bouse arrest. The former president so far has cluded house arrest, and has issued state Woman wins ments saying he would head a civilian resistance to Presi-Tokyo: In a landmark decision, a court ruled that sexual

dent Fujimori's militarybacked rule by decree. Señor Fujimori has defended his own move, saying it was necessary for him to fight drug trafficking and clamp down on rebels.

# and enjoys more support among independent voters than the other two combined.

Perot: has ability to tap into American rage

#### Upwardly mobile: Bill Clinton, campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination during a brief stop in San Francisco, shakes hands with passers-by while riding a cable car up Powell Street yesterday. He also campaigned in Los Angeles Zimbabwe reduced to 16 days' maize supply

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARAKE

PRESIDENT Mugabe plans modest celebrations of the 12th anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence this weekend as the country endures its worst ever food shortage after the failure of An official of Mr Mugabe's

ruling Zanu (PF) party reported that at Chigoronga village in the remote Zhombe area of the midlands, shocked neighbours offered their scanty food reserves to try to persuade a starving family not to eat their dog, which they had roasted. Dog meat is taboo. In other areas people are reportedly trying to fill their bellies with river silt and the ground up pods of baobab (cream of tartar) trees, or

South African help is on the way, in the form of two trains a day from the port of Durban, each carrying 700 bwe's 10 million people consume an estimated 4,000 tonnes a day. Only 16 days supply is thought to remain in

Yesterday there were the customary scenes at supermarkets as housewives scrambled for limited supplies of maize meal, sugar, cooking oil and margarine. Money raised for independence cele-brations will be diverted to relieve distress, officials have promised. Joshua Nkomo the vice-president, has reportedly cancelled plans to ad-dress an independence day rally in his home city, Bula-



wayo, as public discontent with the government threatens to still over.

Mr Mugabe's sister, Sabi-na Mugabe, once the most fanatically loyal of ruling party backbenchers, voiced many people's fears when she told parliament last week: "The problem is that we started lying, saying there is a lot of maize coming. We do not know how to lie to them

Mr Mugabe, 68, is due to deliver a 20-minute address to a rally at the Chinese-built national sports stadium out-side Harare tomorrow, after the usual parades of troops and a fly past by Soviet-de-signed MiG 21 jet fighters. He is expected to launch a verbal counter attack on critics who biame him for failing to heed last year's famine warnings from the United Nations, the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference food security committee, and from his

Zimbabwe's once-mountainous maize stockpile was wiped out by an unrealistic pricing policy. It is thought that "disloyal" commercial farmers might make a convenient target upon which to divert popular discontent.

4,500 white commercial

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#### Darkness heralds Queen of Mean

Decorative lights illuminat-ing the top of the Helmsley-managed Empire State building In New York were turned off on the orders of billionaire Harry Helmsley to mark his wife's first night behind bars. Leona Helmsley, 71, arrived at a minimum-security prison by limousine and private jet. entering through the back gates to begin a four-year sentence for tax evasion. Mr Helmsley, 83, said that turning off the lights was a "symbolic gesture". He also or-dered that the lights be switched off at Helmsley Building, which is covered in gold leaf, on New York's Park

Manfred Wöerner, the secretary-general of Nato, should be back at work nex; month after recovering from intestinal surgery, a spokesman for the alliance said. Herr Wöer-

ner, 57, had to cancel a trip to the United States to have the operation.

Tadao Ando, 50, the Japanese architect, is the first recipient of the Carlsberg Architectural funded by Carlsberg Breweries. He is to receive it from Queen Mar-grethe II on May 29. His works include the Rokko apartment block in Kobe, Japan, and the Chapel on the Water and Church of Light in

A peace mission from former US president Jimmy Carter's International Negotiation Network arrived in the Liberian capital of Monrovia. The delegation included Lisbet Palme, the widow of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme, who was assassinated in



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#### Japan seeks role as Earth's defender

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TORYO

ong portrayed by foreign conservationists as an economic Attila the Hun, pillaging the world's rain forests and destroying marine life, Japan is now seeking a new role as a leader on the environment. As 160 nations prepare for June's Earth summit in Brazil, the Japanese are trying to cast themselves as progressives, and the rest of the developed world as Luddites, on the key issues of slowing global warming and providing ecological

to developing help countries. This week, Noboni Takeshita, the former Japanese prime minister, has been hosting a conference of current and former world leaders on environmental

aid. A much trumpeted Tokyo Declaration" is to be issued today proposing an environmental tax on developed nations and a diversion of military spending to an environmental protection fund of \$125 billion (£70 billion).

Toting Japan's traditional devotion to industrialisation, sceptics are questioning the extent of Japanese conviction. Bureaucratic bickering and political iner-tia are likely to block environmental initiatives at home, and the nation has a thin record to point to in leading the world over eco-

logical issues. One exception has been Japan's policy on capping

carbon dioxide emissions, a development that has been initiated and developed by industry in conjunction with the ministry of international trade and industry. Due to the increased energy efficiency of Japan's cars, the country's per capita car-bon emission level is now half the American rate.

When making a cleaner engine coincides with cutting costs, environmental consciousness in Japan is easy. But when economic viability is threatened, the environment tends to lose out, largely because for lack of a proper environmental protection movement.

When the government set up the environment agency in 1970, it answered the fears of the ministry of trade and industry by ensuring that it would lack the clout of a full-scale ministry. Without prestige, sufficient staff or a clear mandate, the agency has had limited influence. Government ministries have been able to draft and implement policy in cahoots with private sector groups.

Japan is also ill-equipped to cope with the ecological issues that have emerged in recent years because, to its well-intentioned but politically imporent citizen-activist groups and to bureaucrats, "environment" usaally means "anti-pollution" and a preoccupation with human health has meant a neglect of broader issues.

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FRANCE. IT'S A REVELATION

Charles Bremner on the woes of teenage consumers

ate-20th-century America seems to be putting an end to the idea of childhood, and the present generation of teenage Americans is having a miserable time.

Quite simply, American children are being treated as adults from the age of 13, while their parents and society as a whole have taken to behaving like children. Youngsters are surely not being given peace to learn when a country drops the words boy and girl as damaging to selfesteem and insists they be called young men and women. (Even toddlers are called "kindergarten students" these days.) The "pre-adults" are then asked to contend with an adult generation which flaunts its emotional turmoil, whining endlessly not only in front of their offspring but throughout

the media about their failings and troubles.

Perhaps this was an inevitable result of the affluence which came to America in the 1950s, bringing with it the teen culture and then the explosion of divorce, but youngsters in America are now exposed to extraordinary pressure to spend and consume, while at the same time being confronted with evils and ills unimaginable even to the rocking rebels of the sixties.

ake the average American high school, usually a red brick building in a comfortable suburb. The parking lot is packed with cars because all but the poor drive themselves to school after the age of 16 or 17. As for dress, teenagers rich and poor follow an extravagant fashion code worthy of a medieval court. Patrick Welsh, an English teacher in an ordinary Virginia school lamented the compulsive consumerism in The Washington Post, noting that 80 per cent of his pupils had television sets, telephones and stereo sets in their bedrooms, and that some had videos. A school counsellor said the way American parents now lavish wealth rather than discipline on the young is creating a generation of "teenage monsters".

In a glowing account of the new "13-going-on-

21" generation. Adweek magazine recently observed teenagers in Kansas City and found them to be "chic, yet socially committed, cost-conscious yet upscale in their tastes, fun-loving yet environmentally-concerned and every bit as complicated as their parents". The feature was intended to help marketing people attract the \$60 billion per year spent by American school students, most of it in the regional shopping malls. These institutions, which multiplied in the late 1970s and 1980s, are the centre of life for millions of "mail rats", teenagers who rarely spend time elsewhere, and develop a condition known as "mall eyes". The average schoolgiri spends \$506 a year on cosmetics alone, and 93 per cent of teenage girls say shopping is their

hile children are busy fighting the consumer wars, they enjoy none of the protection from the uglier side of life afforded to earlier generations. Her Manhattan school gave my 15-year-old daughter one project for the Easter holidays: prepare a presentation on sexually transmitted diseases. Alds education is essential, given that most American teenagers have sex before 17. Precociousness seems to have reached new levels with news this week of the criminal indictment of two seven-year-olds in Indianapolis for rape, and the trial in Washington state of a 10-year-old on charges that he raped five little girls.

Worry extends far beyond disease and the violence of inner city schools where gun detectors have had to be installed at entrances. Thanks to the violence, both emotional and physical, of the popular culture, the cares of the world weigh on the shoulders of the current teenagers. The nuclear shadow may have been lifted, and America may enjoy a peace and prosperity un-known in human history, but the average teenager will tell you the world is close to destruction. My daughter and her friends lose sleep over everything from the threat to the environment to racism, issues which are endlessly debated in their classes, magazines and on TV.

Many parents believe things have gone too far and are campaigning for a restoration of childhood and an end to the overload of the information age. "Kids know too much too soon," says Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council. He and leaders of similar groups agree that the fault lies entirely with parents who have failed to impart a sense of security and values to their young.

Brussels must start returning powers taken from member states, Sir Leon Brittan tells Michael Binyon

he French opposition is demanding a referendum. Germany's upper house threatens a veto unless the rights of the Lander are respected. Ireland is in the throes of a complicated wrangle over abortion. The Danes are bracing themselves for a large "no" vote. Almost everywhere - except in Britain — the treaty of Maas-richt is in trouble. Ratification, taken for granted by European leaders as they toasted agree-

ment four months ago, is sud-denly sucking them into a vortex

of doubt, debate and opposition. Britain's senior commissioner in Brussels has, however, warned those watching the turwarner those watering the fur-moil on the continent with Schadenfreude that they are deluding themselves. Maas-tricht will be ratified. Sir Leon Brittan said yesterday. Neither the Gaullist opposition nor the ruling socialist party in France wants the treaty to collapse. The same is true of Germany, he said; whatever the doubts about monetary union and the powers of the 16 states, no German wants to turn his back on Europe. The continental debate is an attempt to find an equilibrium, as John Major's government successfully man-

aged before Maastricht.

Nor, Sir Leon adds, would a directives, the failure to ratify the treaty do anything but harm to Britain. It crackdown on state aid, and the reinforcement of

would stall all momentum in the Community. It would ruin the competition policy chances of completing the single to show that Brusmarket by the end of this year. It sels is moving away from a Fortress would scupper British plans for Europe mentality. The Commission is a rapid widening of EC mem-bership. It would be "wholly no longer attempting to prop up ailing European Sir. Leon detects no tendency by the new Conservative govern-ment to gloat at the difficulties industries with of European leaders in selling the treaty to their voters stead industrial although the same is not true of policy now focuses the press. He wants Britain to upon the training seize the unique opportunity a

of individuals. Sir Leon does not deny the cooling of enthusiasm on the continent for the Maastricht treaty. He also sees the danger of pro-European policies, long entrenched in most states, being rejected by voters along with their governments. Ten years ago this could have hurt the Community. But now, he says, the idea of Europe has a life of its own, even after the collapse of the common commu-



Sir Leon: positive" role for the UK ?

changes at the With the lawyer's cautious enthusi-

asm which allowed him to play a vital role in tempering Conservative opposition to treaties on economic and political union. Sir-Leon says Britain could take advantage of the shift in attitudes to push the Community into more open poli-

cies. To do so, however, it must Maastrieht, show that it believes in the Community and that it wishes to be at its centre. "The question as always should not be how keen we are on the Europe an Community, but what kind of European Community do we wish to be keen about." Hè sees a Europe now poised

to develop in ways much closer to the British vision than many

Giving way at the centre nist enemy, and it people in Britain realised. All members now accept the case for wider membership, although suspicions linger that British enthusiasm is still partly

based on a wish to dilute the federalist influence. All are willing to make a go of the new Maastricht intergovernmental arrangements for foreign and defence policy, which leaves the initiative with member states and denies Brussels any legislative monopoly.
On one vital question Sir Leon

is now willing to go a long way to answer doubts in Britain, and increasingly on the continent. over his own and his fellow commissioners' powers. He says it is time the Commission began handing back powers to the member states. To give meaning to the concept of subsidiarity, Brussels should allow national governments to recapture the right to make their own laws in all kinds of fields. He has not discussed this with fellow commissioners, but gives the regulation of drinking water as an example. This would deal with

people's prime anxiety about the Community: the ratchet effect, automatically drawing ever greater power to Brussels. Commission competence, he says, should ebb and flow.

Brussels must have a say now in economic and monetary union, whereas 15 years ago this would have been ridiculous. But on other matters it should show that it has the self-confidence to give back powers it has accumulated.

Sir Leon, who would have resigned had Labour won power, is likely to stay on in Brussels for at least two more years, and possibly for another term after that. Already he is regarded as the most influential commissioner after Jacques Delors. He is also likely to remain an influence in Downing Street. where his latest suggestion will

find ready support.

Echoing the prime minister's own wish for harmony in Britain, he said yesterday: "I hope the new Europe will not need to feel so interventionist and that the principle of subsidiarity will be given real effect. I hope the new Europe will be sufficiently at peace with itself not to feel that it does not exist unless it pokes its nose into everything."

# The face of innocent suffering

The horror and cruelty of Good Friday must continue to disturb Christians, says Daniel Johnson

n Palm Sunday this year, our young priest organised a Passion play for the little children of the parish. Up the altar steps they trooped: the small boy who played Jesus wore a white surplice to be scourged and crucified; the Evangelist, a little girl, told the story in a clear, belllike voice. Good Friday lends itself to the stage.

Yet the thought crossed my mind during this touching spectacle that the child-actors could have no inkling of what it was that they were commemorating. Could not our priest be accused of exploiting their innocence for the edification of adults, not unlike an impresario who uses a child for ignoble purposes? The story of Good Friday tells

of mass hysteria and official callousness, of unimaginable cruelty and suffering, of a son who beseeches his omnipotent father for mercy but is left to die. Had it not happened, the story would be an obscenity. Those who believe that it never happened, or at any rate not as the gospels tell it, are inclined to treat the story as a sadistic fantasy. Christians who take their faith seriously cannot but be troubled by Good Friday more than any other day in their calendar.

In art, in literature and in music, the Crucifixion has undergone many transformations; it is easy to forget that there was a time when Christ was practically never represented on the Cross. In late Roman and Byzantine art, which influenced Western Europe so profoundly until at least the 13th century, Christ was commonly shown as a king or judge, as ruler of the universe (pantocrator).

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strong, new government, soon to hold the EC presidency, has

to exercise positive influence.

This can be perfectly legiti-

mately exercised in favour of a Europe that is internally

non-interventionist and exter-

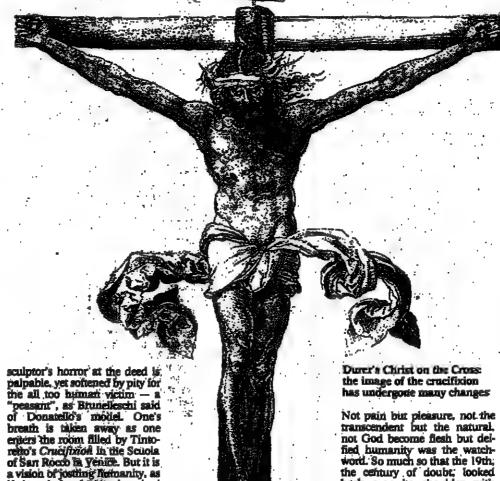
nally open to the outside world, accommodating to new members." He adds: "The op-

portunity to move in that direc-tion is there for the asking." He cites the recent banking

It is tempting to suppose that during the late Middle Ages, artists espoused the Crucifixion as a subject because the bubonic plague had evoked a morbid fascination with death. More important, though, must have been the individualism of the period. Man's rediscovery of his own humanity burgeoned into the cosmology and exiture of the Renaissance, and collapsed into the civil war of Christendom we call the Reformation. The crucified Saviour was the

symbol of a Europe chastened by its own sinfulness, yet still inspired by celestial visions. Over the years from 1350 to 1700 falls the shadow of the Cross: from Donatello to Tintoretto, from Grunewald to Bach. Go to the V & A to see Dona-tello's Lamentation over the

Dead Christ, or visit Florence to see his wooden Crucifix at Santa Croce or his pulpit at San Lorenzo, with its reliefs of the Agony in the Garden, Deposition and Entombment. The



a vision of jostling notoanity, as if the whole of Jensalem had come to see the show! With Grimewald's altarpiece

of Isenheim at Cohnar, Christ's death means the hight of the soul. Bathed in a greenish lunar light, the emaciated and dislocated body of the Crucified looms over his distraught mother and Mary Magdalen, while the ghost of John the Baptist points grimly at the scene.

Bach's passions achieve a kind of consolation. But it is the

consolation of an end to suffering in death. In the St Matthew Passion, when the gigantic final chorale dies away on a deep bass note, it is as though, the sepulchire were being closed above our heads. The earnest desire of the chorus for "mein Jesu" is to bury him.



delicate body which suffers so prodigiously; or it accentuates the fact that He who was Sublime as the image of the Crucifixion in Western art beholy, the purest and most inno-cent of all, had to suffer. The came during the millennium of faith, the 18th century, the age of reason, averted its gaze from the divine corpse on the Cross.

Others who suffer do so for a higher purpose; only for Christ Himself, he thought, is suffering itself the purpose. The pseudo-religiosity of Wagner's Parsifal, with its sumptuous Good Friday music, shows the danger of pursuing this paradox too far: suffering for its own sake can become blasphemy.

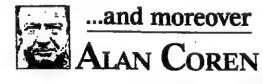
amoured of paradox, but he was if anything more disturbed by the enormity of the Crucifixion. In a sermon preached on Good Priday some 150 years ago, he compared Christ's suffering to that of dumb animals and little children, whose def-encelessness provides an analo-gy, "What if wicked men took and crucified a young child? What if they deliberately seized its poor little frame and stretched out its arms, nailed them to a cross bar of wood. drove a stake through its two feet, and fastened them to a beam, and so left it to die? It is almost too shocking to say:
perhaps, you will actually say it
is too shocking, and ought not to
be said. O my brethren, you feel
the horror of this, and yet you
can bear to read of Christ's
preferinge without horror."

sufferings without horror."

How much less horror does Good Friday inspire today than even a century ago. Perhaps the Intervening years have so much tried the capacity of mankind to feel horror and compassion that Newman's appeal is no longer sufficient. Yet if the events of Good Friday can seem less extraordinary, those of Easte must sæm even more so.

Christ's Passion cannot be seen in isolation from His Resurrection. Christians who demote the Resurrection from the historical to the symbolic plane - who, in Kierkegaard's mock-ing phrase, consider Christian-"to a certain degree true" are honour-bound to come to grips with Good Friday.

If Christ did not rise from the dead, what was His suffering for? If He was not God, why did God let Him suffer so? With its hideous pitilessness, the Crucifixion is powerful enough to unravel Christianity - unless it is understood as the necessary prelude to Easter.



Jou will grean (and who could blame you?) to recall my obsessive search, passim, for a Cricklewood hero. So let me lift your spirits: the search is over. After today, you will hear no more of it. Even if other local prodigies turn up as unexpectedly as this one, they shall not test your patience. I am satisfied, now, to let the matter rest, along with the blessed remains of a paragon whose inelfable rightness for me and Cricklewood sets her immovably above any putative contender.

Heroine, then. And those remains lie not 200 yards from my very gate, though I didn't know times on as many short cuts through the cemetery at the top alone, for that is the way it is in graveyards, but I did not immediately spot who was beside me. because the moss lay thick in the chisellings. It was only when I thought I saw what I subsequent'y knew I had that I ran my finger down the grooves to ream them out, and read: "In loving memory of Marie Lloyd, born February 12, 1870, died October 7, 1922."

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Tired she was, and she wouldn't show it. Suffering she was, and hoped we didn't know it. But He who loved her knew, and, understanding all. Prescribed long rest, and gave the

Who else could it be? You could hear her singing that first couplet, and anyone who knew anything about Marie Lloyd knew the significance of the second, because she died in the middle of her act at the Edmonton Empire in the middle, indeed, of "One of the Ruins that Cromwell Knocked About a Bit". Furthermore, she died bethis until yesterday, despite cause she had been knocked having passed them umpteen about more than a bit by her swine of a third husband, jockey Bernard Dillon, and (since, even of the road. But yesterday's was a long cut: as I negotiated the wonky crosses. April suddenly does, so I shot under a maple tree to wait as if drunk, but because the song required her to stagger as if drunk, the audience laughed as if drunk, the audience laughed as if drunk the audience laughed. and cheered while she terminally tottered. I do not know if He, understanding all, fixed it so that the last sound she heard was of an enraptured music hall, you would have to ask a wreaths being flung at the cars by believer, but there have been grieving bystanders that the half-

worse ways to go. walked across to the cemetery and I rejoice that it's just a step office, and Cliff Green, who runs it, took down the book for 1922, and showed me an entry no less What You Fancy", turn up the and showed me an entry no less Even then, and even as the apt in its macabre comedy than fingers trembled, I couldn't be the final call itself, in that Matilda sure it was her — that her, I Alice Victoria Dillon, known as mean. And then I read the Marie Lloyd, had been interred believer. I shall, like Marie, just

that her mother Matilda Wood had been interred above her (9 ft) in 1931, and her father above her (7 ft) in 1940, and her sister above him (4 ft) in 1968, and just as I had seemed to hear her sing before, now I seemed to hear her laugh, and I knew that laugh, I had heard it countless times on the wheezy old 78 I replay whenever I need a little of what I fancy to do me good, and Mr Green said there was one more thing I might like to know, which is that both gates of Fortune Green Cemetery had been opened

only once, and that was on October 12, 1922. It was the biggest funeral they had ever had, and they had been compelled to close those same gates an hour before the burial because all three local police stations couldn't provide enough constables to control the weeping mob, and it was no good drafting in volunteers because, as you know, you can't trust a special like the old-time coppers.

Marie Lloyd, however, despite the dilly-dailying of the cortege from her house in Woodstock Road as the result of so many mile journey took almost an hour, When the shower eased, I did, at last, find her way home, volume, and open the windows for

her to hear. And if you remind me I'm not a 12 ft down, for £52 2s 0d, and wink the other eye.

#### Bunny hunters all

JOHN MAJOR will enjoy his first full day off since the election today with his family in Huntingdon. Apart from a fleeting visit last weekend, it is the first time he has returned to his constituency since

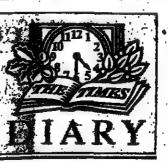
the election.
Norma has stocked up the larder for the occasion with her second expedition to the local Tesco supermarket since the election. Peter Brown, the Huntingdon Tory agent, says: "It will be nice to have John among us again. We are not planning any celebrations. although we hope we might see something of him." In truth, time will be short. After being reunited in Huntingdon with Norma and the children, James and Elisabeth, Major will tomorrow take them on to Chequers, where they are due to be joined by Norma's mother.

known as Nan. Neil Kinnock, who might have been expecting to spend his first weekend in Chequers, will pass the weekend pottering around the garden of his Ealing home. "He is having a rest," said one of his aides. "The family is not planning

to go away." Paddy Ashdown, who travelled more miles than any other leader. on the campaign trail, is away from home yet again, with his wife Jane. They are relaxing at their: comage in France.

Many of the new ministers will. take the opportunity to jet off to suntier climes. David Mellor, the new Secretary of State for National Heritage — dubbed the min-ister of fun — was not, as one might expect, sampling the cul-tural delights of Britain. "He has gone off in pursuit of a warmer temperature," says his office.

The contenders for the Labour leadership were also planning one Australia.



last chance to relax. Bryan Gould is spending his Easter at home. "We thought we were going to be at Marsham Street with civil servants catering to our every need. As it is, we are thrust into a leadership contest and we will have a few hours rest before heading for the Scottish TUC," says

John Smith is also off to Scotland to spend the holiday climbing Scottish munros. He has so far climbed 78 of the 277, after setting himself a target of 100 by the general election. Having failed in that ambition, he has extended his deadline until the leadership election in July.

• The ministry of fun has acquired another nickname. It is now being referred to in Whitehall as the bastard ministry: Broadcasting, Art. Sport. Television. Architecture, Recreation and Drama.

#### Appeal

FORGET CANALETTO. A far better known part of Britain's heritage is threatened with export. The bells of Shoreditch — the ones commemorated by generations of children in the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons" - may soon be on their way to Canada or

The 12 bells, the oldest of which dates back to 1739, hang in St Leonard's Church in the parish of Shoreditch, and they are being replaced. Number ten in particular is in a sorry state, with an irrepa-rably large crack. "It sounds horrible," says Alan Reagin, steeplekeeper at St Leonard's. The most badly damaged of the bells are to be recast, and an entirely new ring should be in place by the end of the year, pending the church's

sum up the deepest thinking

about the Cross of that time.

Soren Kierkegaard and John

Henry Newman both meditated

all their lives on Christ's self-

Kierkegaard rejected the "ro-

mantic view of the Crucifixion,

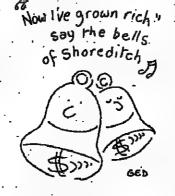
which "accentuates the fright-

fulness of the suffering, Christ's

paradox is that Christ came into the world in order to suffer."

sacrifice.

blessing. The original bells are likely to end up in Toronto, or the Antipodes where they would join an equally famous ring, the bells of St Martin's, which are now calling the faithful to prayer in Perth. A suitable case for the new musical Andrew Lloyd Webber is



#### Chinese whispers

THEY all wanted to know, but Chris Patten was not in the mood for answering questions about his future when he appeared at a Cen-tral Office party on Wednesday night before flying off to France to consider whether to move to Hong

Patten came to say farewell, to have the £50 towards the to Angle Bray, his personal press train fare."

officer. Some 70 party workers were quaffing champagne when the chairman arrived with his wife, Lavender, and two of their three daughters, Laura and Alice. Perhaps Patten was lost for words in the presence of Norman Lamont, Michael Howard, Gillian Shephard, Richard Ryder and Michael Portillo, all safely re-turned to the Commons and the cabinet, but he came and went within half an hour, with a kiss for

Bray and a cheery wave. Yet the affection which greeted him was born of more than sympathy. The same day the chairman had sent staff a letter congranulating them on their election effort. The professionalism that you all showed played a significant part in enabling the party to achieve such a historic victory," he wrote. That wasn't the entire reason for the large grins, however. Patten had also generously agreed, in spite of the party's debts, to give everyone at Smith Square merit bonuses of up to 10 per cent of their annual salaries.

• Newcastle upon Tyne is not, perhaps, the obvious place for an Easter break - but what if someone else pays for the petrol? That is just what Bill Paisley, general manager of the Copthorne Hotel on Tyneside is offering to do in an attempt to lure soft southerners to the land of Gazza. Recession, depression and inner city decay are alien concepts to carefree Geordies living in the thriving city, says Paisley somewhat unconvincingly. "I want to remind recession hit southerners what a buoyant economy is like," he says. Paisley is offering Depressed of Tunbridge Wells or Suicidal of Streatham £50 to cover two tanks of petrol. And what if they prefer to let the train take the strain? "OK. They

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#### LABOUR AND CLASS ENVY

Can Labour Win? and Must-Labour Lose? were the titles of two bleak books published in 1960, after Labour had lost three elections in a row. Now the same questions are being asked after a run of four defeats. They should be exercising the Labour party members, MPs and trade unionists who are entrusted with electing the right combination of leader and deputy leader in July.

Anthony Crosland's Can Labour Win? predicted a 2 per cent decline in Labour's vote at each election unless "Labour can present itself as a progressive, national, social democratic party". His prophecy would have given Labour a 28 per cent share of the vote in 1987, a target it hit one election early. Must Labour Lose? included a commentary by Rita Hinden concluding that crumbling class solidarity, the declining appeal of public ownership and divisions within the party made defeat inevitable.

Crosland was right: only after 1983, when Labour started the long haul back towards becoming a modern social democratic party, did voters start to return. Its share rose to 31 per cent in 1987 and 35 per cent earlier this month, as it moved towards the centre ground. But Labour has not yet gone far enough towards becoming a progressive, national, classless party. A glance at the postelection map, with its blue swathe across the South and zones of red in the North and Scotland diminishes Labour's claim to represent equally all parts of the nation. And the party is still over-reliant on votes from the young and the public sector together with its traditional, dwindling, cloth-cap support.

Becoming a social democratic party rather than a party of "labour" means shedding the class affiliations that pit one set of voters against another. It was her cross-class appeal that made Margaret Thatcher successful, and until Labour starts winning more votes from the lower middle classes and those who aspire to them, its base will be too small to deprive the Tories of victory.

in this lay the flaw in John Smith's preelection shadow budget, which aimed to soak the "rich" (for which read middle-class) and to sprinkle the drops (very thinly) among all those who were either repired or had children. Given that the old were disproportionately inclined towards the Tories in this election, even the potential recipients of such largess were not grateful. But, more important, what the election showed was that many people earning less than the critical £21,060 still disapproved of the proposed. higher levels of taxation of larger incomes. To them, the policy looked spiteful.

Labour has failed to respond to the changing aspirations of the British. In the 1980s the Conservative achievement was to make those born working class feel comfortable about wanting to move up in society. Britain may not yet be as socially fluid as America, but the class system is no longer frozen in ice.

Labour's policies still seem to presuppose a socially static society, where deprivation and social injustice can be corrected only by redistribution organised by government. Thus has Labour inadvertently cast itself as an enemy of social mobility. Yet inequality will strike society as unfair, demanding government correction, only if those who suffer from it are its powerless victims with no other remedies available to them. This is why the equality that really matters today is equality of opportunity.

Hence Labour must at last abandon its central policy of redistribution by punitive progressive taxation. It need not worry that if it does so, there will be nothing left to fight over. Politicians will still debate the desirable balance between tax levels and public expenditure, and more radically, perhaps, the extent to which economic and fiscal policy should take into account the social and envir-

onmental consequences of market forces. Whoever wins the Labour leadership election must prepare his party for the next general election by recognising that the world has changed. The politics of envy have lost their potency. Labour need not lose, but it has to find new friends all over the country, and across all social classes and income groups, before it can win.

#### FLIGHT FROM KABUL

The collapse of the government in Kabul and the reported flight of President Najibullah brings to an end yet another bloody chapter in Afghan history. It began with the violent overthrow of President Daoud in 1978 and his replacement by hardline communists.

Najibullah had hung on to power far longer than the Mujahidin or the West expected after the Soviet withdrawal. He tried various means - adding a Muslim suffix to his name, dropping government ministers, offering talks with guerrilla leaders - to distance himself from his communist past and bolster his shaky political base by representing the regime as a nonideological force for stability.

The United Nations agreement that led to the Soviet pull-out did not end the Afghan war. Both Moscow and Washington continued to supply weapons, including sophisticated missiles, to their former allies. The fighting was almost as bloody as during the decade of Soviet intervention, with rockets fired randomly into civilian areas and continued government bombing raids. Gradually the insurgents closed in.

Last year's agreement by the Russians and Americans to cut off arms - a measure of Moscow's bankruptcy and Washington's disillusion with fundamentalist and anti-Western guerrillas - hastened the end. The Mujahidin had plenty of weapons and supplies brought in from Pakistan and Iran; President Najibullah was soon left without food, munitions or money. In a land where loyalty is largely determined by gold and

guns, he had little hope of survival The UN agreement removed Afghanistan as an East-West obstacle. Tribal politics were no longer overlaid with ideological significance, and control of this rugged terrain, for centuries an ungovernable buffer zone that separated rival empires, no longer affected the balance of power in Asia. Pakistan, which had been courted with generous aid by America for its strategic access to the Afghan rebels, was rapidly dropped by Washington. Finding itself yoked to the fundamentalist cause at the expense of links with the newly independent Central Asian states, it cut the flow of arms and distanced itself from the likes of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. The war in Afghanistan faded from the world's attention.

The rapid collapse of Najibullah's forces has upset the UN plan to wind down the war gradually while preparing for an interim administration. The danger is that tribal rivairies will flare up as old scores are settled, and long suppressed rivalries fracture the Mujahidin's paper commitment to democracy. A bloodbath in Kabul would mock the increasingly fraught efforts by Benon Sevan, the special UN envoy, to install a transitional ruling council. It would also signal the end of Kabul as an effective administrative capital for the foreseeable future.

Afghanistan, if it can avoid the tribal anarchy of Somalia, is likely to revert to the kind of traditional society where there is no national authority but a series of locally. negotiated pacts, no administrative structure but a patchwork of warlords and rival fiefdoms, all existing as they have for centuries against a background of continuing low-intensity warfare.

Outsiders will still try to meddle, and the variants of fundamentalist Islam will seek to promote their ideologies with the weapons still hidden in every village. But the conflicting ambitions of Iranians, Pakistanis, Tadjiks, Uzbeks and other immediate neighbours will scarcely concern the wider world. Russia and the West, like the British Empire a century ago, have learnt the costs of playing the Great Game.

#### **BOOT BUYERS BEWARE**

On Sunday morning a million or so parents, full of fervour, will dress their children up for what has now become a traditional family activity: not going to church, but attending a car boot sale. Like a day at the races, this weekend pursuit combines the tantalising possibility of making money by selling junk or picking up a bargain, with fresh air,

milling crowds and steaming hotdog vans. As usual, when a spontaneous craze develops outside the scope of the authorities, killjoys move in to try to regulate its vitality. The Association of London Authorities is dying to have car boot sales licensed. Their growth has been debated in the House of Lords no less, with Lord Hailsham, in best fuddy-duddy tradition, admitting that he was not quite sure what a car boot sale was. Now the Consumers' Association is warning that buyers may face "a long slog" trying to enforce their legal rights under the Sale of Goods Act when they find their newly acquired second-hand television does not work.

Legal rights? At a car boot sale? Anyone who buys an electrical appliance from what is no more than a jumble sale on wheels is taking a gamble as risky as placing a bet on the Grand National. But the emptor is well aware of the caveats: if the £10 TV can pick up a channel, it is a fantastic bargain; if not, it was a worthwhile punt, and the buyer can probably sell it on for the same amount the

following week. Car boot sales are a perfect example of demand meeting supply. Sellers are reluctant to go home with a full boot, and will drop their prices until all their wares have gone. Such sales are thriving in the recession. People feeling impoverished can raise a little cash by selling the contents of their attic;

while others can buy second-hand goods for a snip. Around 10,000 sales take place on an average Sunday, drawing at least a million people - probably more on a double bank holiday weekend like the one ahead. The ideal weather conditions are cloudy but dry. Rain puts off the punters, while too much sun sends them off on a long walk or picnic.

Car boot sales are a relatively new phenomenon, imported from America where the yard or garage sale is an institution. Australians call them "trash-and-treasure" sales, and the quest for treasure is what draws in the trash. A few years ago, a late 18th-century hunting painting bought for £4 in the West Country sold later for £5,500. Last year, four unpublished volumes of Sir Henry "Chips" Cannon's diaries were unearthed at a car boot sale and restored to his

The sales are also effective fundraisers for charity. Sellers have to pay a few pounds for the privilege of taking part, which can go towards church repairs or the maintenance of a village football pitch. And environmentalists can applaud an effective method

of recycling. Inevitably there are hazards. Some consignments of goods that have fallen off the back of a lorry may end up being sold from the back of a van. Burglars have been known to use car boot sales to offload the contents of other people's households. Professional dealers tend to arrive at dawn to snap up underpriced goods. But in Britain's black markets, as in those all over the world, the informality of the proceedings is what makes them all the more fun. Forget the Sale of Goods Act. They are to be enjoyed, but at

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Police relent on logbooks 'to maintain public confidence'

From the Commissioner of Police of changes to the page must be noted and initialled at that time.

Sir. Bernard Levin makes a serious point about the effect on public confidence of this service's recent introduction of new-style surveillance logs (article, April 13).

He will, therefore, I hope, be pleased to learn that the main bone of contention, the plastic insert sheet, is to be abandoned immediately. Please, Mr Levin, no more accusations about our fear of electrostatic examination of such logs.

What Mr Levin failed to give us tredit for was the rest of the system. All our surveillance log books now carry a unique number. Similarly, each page is uniquely numbered. On completion, it is signed by the officer making the notes and countersigned by his supervisor. Any alterations or

The much maligned plastic sheet also had a use which I am sure Mr Levin would have found acceptable. It was there to prevent anyone in one case from reading the surveillance notes from another which was com-pletely unconnected. We will overcome this problem by using a new log book for every new case and the pages will remain in the book.

I do recognise the overwhelming importance of maintaining the high level of confidence we rightly enjoy from the public, and so, as I have said, the plastic sheet will go. Mr Levin may be assured that we pride ourselves on our ability to listen to criticism, consider it and, when justified, react to it.

I hope Mr Levin will give us credit for this. We do care what people say

offering the use of its ports for

delivery of the very large quantities of

maize and wheat which will be

required before the next harvest.

This will be at this time next year.

This, however, helps resolve only part

There are already shortages of

food in some remoter parts of the country which have led to distur-

bances. There are major logistical problems in getting through by road and rail the amounts of food re-

quired and lorries sent from South

Africa to Zambia are alleged to be

A catastrophe of these dimensions could lead either to an improvement

in relationships between the south-

em African states or to recrimina-

tion. It cannot be in the interests of

Western governments to allow the

latter at this vital stage in the

development of democracy in South

Africa. There is a pressing need to offer them both financial assistance

of the problem.

arriving half empty.

and think about us, which is why we also take note of opinion surveys. For instance, Mr Levin asserts that there has been a deterioration in police/

public relations and that a gulf exists. I must point him to the many surveys, such as one published by Gallup last September, which shows the police still have a 77 per cent satisfaction rating, although this had dropped from a previous high of 86 per cent ten years ago. The press trail far behind on 15 per cent. Is it possible that articles such as Mr Levin's are having an effect on both figures?

However, despite such surveys we are not complacent — which is why we react to criticism by change when that is the thing to do. Yours faithfully,

and logistic support to help them

work together to resolve the crisis.

PETER IMBERT. New Scotland Yard, SWI.

HAMILTON of DALZELL

From the Acting High Commissioner for Zambia

Yours faithfully,

Betchworth House,

Betchworth, Surrey

#### African drought

From Lord Hamilton of Dalzell Sir, I write in support of the letter from the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe (April 14). I have recently returned from a visit to Zimbabwe

and Zambia and can confirm the seriousness of the situation there. The country has suffered the worst drought for a century or more and the maize crop has virtually failed. While the plants have grown, they have died before producing any cobs.

In the past, Zimbabwe and South Africa have been exporters to Zambia, Mozambique and other countries in southern Africa. The effects of the drought, disastrous as they are for Zimbabwe, will be felt over a much wider field since all countries in the region have suffered as your report indicated in the same issue.

The High Commissioner points out the co-operation they need and are receiving from South Africa in

Question of graffiti

Sir, Philip Howard will persist in

putting an interrogation mark after "rule or rules, OK", as in his report (April 8) on the Classical Association

where, referring to women's breasts in art, he writes, "Women rule,

In early modern graffiti (1960s?),

where the yobs territorially sprayed, "Boot Boys rule, OK", or whoever they said ruled, he will see that there

was no question mark, nor should

there be. There was no question.

"Boot Boys rule, OK" was a plain

statement — though not necessarily of fact. It was the middle classes who

added the?, thus distorting the lads' message. Yobs still rule, OK.

Sir, Foster carers in Kirkless now

receive at least £33.80 a week for a

child under five and those fostering

for short periods at least (42.25, not

an average of £23 as stated by the

author of the York Centre for Health

Economics report (details, April 2).

Carers of more difficult children

aged 13 and over receive up to

There are also allowances for

birthdays, Christmas, holidays, etc.

Fostering and Adoption Unit, Kirklees Metropolitan Council, Somerset Building, Church Street,

Sir, I was rather surprised to note, in

your report about the demise of Mr Therm (March 31), that his creator

is referred to as "an artist called Eric

Fraser", as if the writer had never

Since he was the country's leading

pen-and-ink man in his time and

nerited an obituary in your news-paper after his death in 1983, I should have thought that he could, at least, have been referred to as "Eric

PHIL TOMLINSON (Leader).

End of Mr Therm

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

PAUL REDGRAVE,

Yelverton, Devon.

Carers' pay

£182.65 a week.

Yours faithfully

Hudderstield.

heard of him.

Fraser, the artist".

Yours faithfully,

SYLVIA DISLEY,

Hampton House,

April 3.

Upper Sunbury Road,

Hampton, Middlesex.

April 15.

West Yorkshire.

Omphaios, Grenville Park,

From MrPhil Tomlinson

From Mr Paul Redgrave

#### Saturday night fever From Mr Laurence Urdang

Sir, In today's story about American Airlines (Business, April 10) mention of the (almost universal) requirement that a traveller must remain away from home on a Saturday night evided mixed emotions.

In my attempts at struggling against that demand, I have suggested to airlines that they are responsible for making me intensely suspicious, nearly visiting on me an acuse case of paramoia; their being so uniformly keen to make certain that I am away from my home on a given Saturday always made me wonder what they were planning that I might be missing.

Cordially. LAURENCE URDANG. 4 St Mary's Row, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. April 10.

From Mrs Christina Speight

#### Addressing the issues

Sir, During the election we were regaled with endless comments on campaign tactics and rarely heard about politics. Then the com-mentators had the nerve to suggest the parties were not addressing the issues. My abiding memory is of Paddy Ashdown saying "I'm not going to indulge in a slanging march: I'm going to talk about policy. At which point he was immediately cut off. We heard a lot about John Major's soap box but were rarely given the opportunity to hear what it was he said when he was

Although I realise the BBC and ITN were fed with photo-opportu-nities of Neil Kinnock playing with a toy on a see-saw and John Major with an owl, they didn't have to broadcast such rubbish. They're supposed to be independent and to judge items on their news value.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTINA SPEIGHT, 20 Ramillies Road, W4

#### Community care From the Director General of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Sir, Now that the composition of the new government is settled, can it turn its mind to, inter alia, community care matters? So much is still hoped for from the white paper, "Caring for People", which accompanied the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

Yet one recommendation which clearly stood out in the Griffiths report. "Agenda for Action", and not followed up was that a separate minister for community care was

#### Oscar' for engineers From Mrs Pamela Hillyard

Sir, Encouraging our engineering talent (Mr W. Hills's letter, April 13) is fully recognised and understood by the Standing Conference on Schools Science and Technology (SCSST) which has developed Young Engineers Clubs countrywide since 1983. The SCSST is funded by both

povernment and industry. Its mission is to excite young people about science and technology, industry and engineering. It aims to stimulate curriculum change. It also works to motivate young people and encourage education-industry partnerships. It is planned that 1,200 clubs will be established with 24.000 young enincers by 1995.

My experience shows that a strong relationship is developing between schools and local companies throughout the country and there is a recognition that the word "engineering" has the same ring as the words "ingenuity" and "creativity", with both education and industry working together towards the success of each other - to the great benefit of young engineers and to the future of engineering in this country.

Yours faithfully. PAMELA HILLYARD. Young Engineers Clubs. c/o Biwater Court, Station Approach, Dorking, Surrey.

From Professor D. M. R. Taplin Sir, In this new School of Manufacmring at the University of Plymouth designate we are taking stock in a fundamental way. Whilst I voted Labour last week I like very much

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#### dry, our cattle which people use as a source of livelihood are dying by the thousands. People are going without food because of a total crop failure.

Sir, In my own country, Zambia, the rains have totally failed and we are

experiencing the worst drought for 50 years. Boreholes and wells are

I think it is time we put our priorities into perspective. People are starving and Zambia's bold initiative in democracy is in jeopardy. What we need is help.

Yours faithfully, M. G. B. CHIGAGA, Zambia House, 2 Palace Gate, W8.

#### Christ on film

From Mis Vera Crofts Sir, Richard Johnson's article (Week-

end Times. April 11) mentions that the British Board of Film Censors. formed in 1913, prohibited the depiction of Christ. My uncle, R. Henderson Bland, an actor, beat them to it because he

played Jesus Christ in a commercial film From Manger to Cross in 1912. It was made in the Holy Land and I was taken to see it in the Albert Hall. I also saw it in Ellesmere parish. church, Shropshire, in the 1920s. I understand that part of it will be included in the Channel 4 documentary Jesus Christ Moviestar on

Easter Monday. Yours faithfully, VERA CROFTS (née Bland), l Bowensfield, Wem, Shropshire.

#### April 11. Cheltenham's vote

From Councillor Robert Wilson Sir. Where is the evidence to corroborate the allegations that the defeat of John Taylor, the black Conservative candidate in Cheltenham, was brought about by racism?

Although Mr Taylor was only selected 16 months ago, his result was only 2,688 votes short of the record poll achieved in 1987 by the then sitting member, Sir Charles Irving, in a three-cornered fight, if only prudent allowance is made for the loss of Sir Charles's personal cross-party vote, the participation of three other candidates and the tactical switch of a significant number of Labour supporters, it will be seen that Mr Taylor's defeat was indeed a close-run thing.

It should also be noted that the swing from the Conservatives here of 5.21 per cent was less than in either nearby Gloucester (5.34) or Stroud (6.21) where incumbent MPs were standing, and only a little worse than Bath, where 4.95 per cent defeated a Cabinet minister.

needed to unify the overlapping needs of care and health provision for disabled people and others in the

community Can the Department of Health tell us which of its new ministers will assume this responsibility? Now that full implementation of the act is less than a year away this is most important, if ambiguity and gaps in provision are to be avoided and financial issues genuinely tackled.

Yours truly, JAMES STANFORD, Director General, The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26-29 Maunsel Street, SW1.

John Major's approach and that of Michael Heseltine and today I look forward optimistically to a new "Majorism" as a foundation for our own strategy in this school.

Our new approach includes the creation of a new style of general engineering courses and a general engineering approach to industrial research My experience suggests that the

basic problem is the obstacles to change within the higher education institutions. This may well alter under the new "Majorism" - of empowerment of individual opportunities and a dissipation of the hierarchical slavishness to professional institutions.

Yours sincerely, D. M. R. TAPLIN (Head of Plymouth School of Manufacturing). Drake Circus, Plymouth, Devon.

#### Christian concern at tax avoidance

From the Rector of Christ Church,

Sir, I have been shocked by some of the ingenious forms of precautionary tax avoidance practised by City firms, for example the case you mentioned (report, April 4) of higher earners being given their entire year's salary to escape the con-sequences of a Labour government budeet

The underlying assumption seems to be that high earners have a right to avoid paying tax wherever possible. provided their behaviour is not illegal. And there seems to be a second assumption that loyalty is based exclusively on a cash nexus. sealed by cash in advance. Are we to assume that this means no tax-free cash up front, no loyalty?

On Sunday evenings our con-gregation has been examining the Ten Commandments and exploring their implications for Christian life today. We do not have many merchant bankers or advertising person-nel in our congregation. But the dominant culture, of which taxavoidance schemes are perhaps symptomatic, make a sombre

backcloth for our reflections, The Ten Commandments and Jesus's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount underline the fact that our love of God and our care for our neighbour, that is for other members of society, are inextricably linked. Where the Old Testament expresses the standards that God sets for his people in terms of a clear-cut moral and legal code the New Testament insists that we look behind the actions at the underlying motives. Thus, where the Sixth Commandment is a clear injunction against murder, Jesus Insists (Matthew 5: 21-24) that malicious anger and similar negative emotions are equally

culpable. From the perspective of our Sun-day evening reflections 1 find the reported forms of tax avoidance wholly unacceptable. They are a denial of love and concern from our neighbour. As a contribution to the well-being of our country the activities of the financial consultants seem to me highly questionable.

During the past decade or so our dominant culture seems to have legitimised private greed by re-labelling it "wealth creation". The election campaign showed a conspicuous lack of moral or ethical debate, I should be delighted if representatives of all political parties were willing to condemn such forms of tax avoidance and those financial consultants advocating them.

Yours sincerely, CHRIS MARTIN, The Rectory, Wellfield, Duns, Berwickshire. April 14.

However, extensive canvassing showed the race issue to be, at best, marginal, more than counter-balanced by a strong pro-Taylor vote from many non-Tory constituents. Bearing in mind that we suffer a

Lib Dem county council, a Labour borough council (24 to 8 Tories) and that they have targeted this seat assiduously since 1983, the Lib Dems should be asking why their majority was so meagre. Well done, John Taylor. Yours faithfully.

ROBERT WILSON, The Old Sudeley Arms, 21 Hailes Street, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mrs Carola Behard Sir, I voted Liberal Democrat in Cheltenham. This was a tactical vote. I had to vote this way because I am so prejudiced against John Taylor: he is a Conservative. Yours faithfully

#### CAROLA BÉHARD. 29 Burton Street. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

#### Points of order From Mr John Whitmore

Sir, In calling for a tolerant use of patronage your leader ("Not one of us". April 14) is praiseworthy. But appointments in the gift of government would hardly even appear to be patronage at all if selection took place after open advertisement and objective job-related criteria for choosing were established.

We saw what I hope to be the beginnings of a healthy development when the post of Director of Public Prosecutions was advertised. An open society in which equal opportunity flourishes requires such a practice.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITMORE, 21 Portland Road, Leicester.

From Mr Douglas Verrall Sir, I am glad that the headteachers of our schools are not changed as frequently as is the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours sincerely DOUGLAS VERRALL 3 Springfield Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

From Mr Basil Hoole Sir, Is it too unkind to suggest that we ought to revert to the good old days when MPs bought their votes

with their own money? Yours faithfully. BASIL HOOLE. Copper Coign, Priestlands,

Sherborne, Dorset.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

April 16: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Chester and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-

Her Majesty and His Royal dral and were received by the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Right Reverend Michael Baughen) and the Dean of Chester (the very Reverend Doctor Stephen

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Maundy Service in Chester Cathedral at which Her Majesty distributed

the Royal Maundy.

The Lord High Almoner (the Right Reverend John Taylor) and the Sub-Almoner (the Reverend William Booth) were present.

Afterwards, The Queen, with
The Duke of Edinburgh,
honoured the Lord Mayor of the

City of Chester (Councillor Mrs Susan Proctor) with her presence at function in the Town Hall and presented her with the Letters

Patent conferring the title of Lord Mayor of Chesier. The Duchess of Grafton, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne. Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. and bade farewell to His Ex-cellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

#### YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 16: The Duke of Kent, Trustee, the Science Museum, this morning opened the new National Railway Museum in York and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morn-Ing visited Challey Heritage, Challey, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay

This afternoon, Her Royal Highness visited the Thomas Peacocke School. Rye, and later visited Rve Heritage Centre and Friary Gardens, Winchelsea. Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was

#### Short sees victory slip from grasp

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

NIGEL Short, Britain's hope in the world chess championship semi-final, came frustratingly close to victory in the adjourned third game of his world qualifying title match in Linares, Spain, against the former world champion Anatoly Karpov.

Short had adjourned the game with what looked like an overwhelming advantage and in a marathon second session of play, which fin-ished on Wednesday night, he extended his plus to a two-

Karpov's situation seemed hopeless but at this moment Short lost the thread of the game and instead of driving home his advantage he allowed the eel-like Karpov to slither out with half a point.

In the final position Short is a pawn ahead but the particular configuration of the pieces remaining on the board makes it impossible to advance his pawn to become

Recognising the futility of further attempts Short extended his hand and offered a draw. The score is now 2-1 in Karpov's favour.

In the second game of the concurrent semi-final in Linares between Artur Yusupov and the top Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman, a draw was agreed in 46 moves, after Timman had missed a probable win. The score in that match, is now 2-

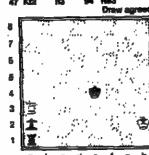
I in favour of Yusupov. Both matches have a prize fund of 300,000 Swiss francs and are for the best of ten

games. The moves for the third Short-Karpov game were as

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Ford, dramatist, Isington, Devon, 1586; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintifraed, 1622; Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1737; James Thom, sculptor, Lochlee, Tayside, 1802 (he died on this day, New York, 1850); Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1863; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, London, 1880; Thornton Wilder,

1 (Mack)
48 Rs2 Ne6
48 Ks2 Kxe8
80 Matis Kd6
51 Ni2 R56
62 Rs3 Kd6
53 Matis Rh5
64 Nf2 Rah2
55 Nf1 Kd5
66 Rd3+ Nc4
57 Kg1 Rh6 66 Rb4 a3 88 Rb5 Ka4 90 Ku3 Ku4 91 Rg3 Ru1 92 Kb4 93 Rb5 u2 94 Re5 Draw agreed



Short v Karpov: final position in game three

novelist and dramatist, Madison.

#### DEATHS: Benjamin Franklin, statesman and scientist, Philadel-

The attempted invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, 1961. Rhode-sia became the independent state of Zimbabwe, 1980. WPC Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot from the Libyan Embassy, leader 1984.

'lens' whose focusing power

depends on its mass," Professor Ellis said. "By observing

the distortion of light passing

through the lens, we can work

consistent with earlier calcu-

lations, based on the move-

ments of galaxies, that suggest that at least nine-

tenths of the material in the

universe is invisible. This so-

called "dark matter", which

could be neutrinos, black

holes, or exotic and hitherto

unknown particles, is impor-

tant as well as mysterious,

because the amounts of it will

determine whether the uni-

verse goes on expanding for

ever or eventually collapses.

and ploughed fields. "We

could not get to the site," Professor Zimansky said.

"We still don't know if it's all

right or not."
There has also been wide-

spread looting of sites in the countryside, he said. The An-

tiquities Department has no

telephones or vehicles, and

has been unable to assess the

damage. Some of the regional

museums may have been robbed and their collections

No foreign expeditions are

yet working again in traq but

Iraqi archaeologists hope to

begin investigations again

this spring. Professor Zimansky said. He and Dr

Stone had found "a complete

absence of anti-American-

ism" in their travels.

damaged.

Iraqi sites 'devastated'

in quest for farmland

By Norman Hammond

ARCHAEOLOGICAL sites last able to dig there in 1990,

in Iraq are more endangered was now cut off by a network

now than they were at the of irrigation ditches, canals

The result turns out to be

out the mass of the galaxy."

The Queen was overwhelmed by gifts of daffodils during a walkabout yesterday after she distributed Maundy money at Chester Cathedral. Among the the 132 recipients was Terry Waite's mother. Afterwards the Queen told Lena Waite, 78: "I think

your son is wonderful." The 66 men and 66 women - to

**DURHAM** University as-

tronomers have used the

Hubble space telescope to

provide independent confir-

mation of the existence of

The result was announced

at a meeting of the Royal

Astronomical Society at Dur-

ham this week and marks a

triumph both for the much

derided space telescope and

for the theory that the uni-

verse is largely made up of material which we cannot see

Professor Richard Ellis and

colleagues from Durham and

the University of New South

Wales took a gamble by devoting all 12 hours of their

observing time on the Hubble

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host

at a luncheon given by Her

Majesty's Government at Lan-

caster House yesterday in honour of Ms Catherine Bertini, Exec-

utive Director of the World Food

The Lord Mayor of London was

the guest speaker at a luncheon of the London Europe Society held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Derek Prag, MEP, chairman

of the society, presided. Among those present were. The Greek

Ambassador, the Hungarian Ambassador and other members

of the Diplomatic Corps. Baron

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Piggott

to be a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

Mr Peter Christopher to be Head of King Edward VI Aston School.

Vges and Sir Frank Roberts.

Appointments

Birmingham.

Luncheons

HM Government

Programme.

London Europe Society

'dark matter" in space.

mark the Queen's 66th birthday this year - received the money in recognition of the Christian service they have rendered to the church and the community. The ceremony has its roots in the last supper of Christ. A spokesman for the Chester Diocese, the Rev Tim Barker, said: "I would imagine Mrs Waite has been selected

Astronomy

Light cast on 'dark matter'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

telescope by pointing it at a

single object, a remote galac-

tic cluster called AC114. By

looking for so long in the

same direction, they hoped to

overcome the optical delicien-

cles of the telescope by sheer

weight of data. The ploy

worked, and they produced

an image between five and

ten times crisper than any-

thing possible from the

The result is that they can

use the image to assess the degree to which light from

even more distant objects

passing through the galactic

cluster is bent by gravity, an

effect first predicted by Ein-

stein. "In effect, we are ob-

serving the effect of a galactic

height of the Gulf war, a

leading American scholar has

reported. Economic hard-

ships have led to large tracts

of marginal land being

ploughed up for subsistence

agriculture, including an-cient cities unlouched for

Professor Paul Zimansky.

of Boston University, said: "We're in for very dark times.

It is the worst kind of devasta-tion for archaeology." The

professor recently visited Iraq

to assess conditions at

Mashkan-shapir, an Old

Babylonian capital 75 miles

from Baghdad which he and Dr Elizabeth Stone regiscov-

He found that the site.

which had been far from any

cultivation when they were

ered three years ago.

millennia.

Earth.

particularly because of the great courage and enduring Christian strength she showed during her son's imprisonment."

The Queen arrived at the cathedral, celebrating its 900th anniversary this year, to the cheers of crowds waiting outside in the spring sunshine. She walked up the cathedral

aisle with the Duke of Edinburgh. followed by Yeomen of the Guard bearing purses containing the money on trays above their heads.

After the service, Mrs Waite, of Lymm, Cheshire, said it was an honour to have been chosen. "The Queen asked me how Terry was and I said he

BY PAUL WILKINGON

York rail museum

steams into future

THE fruits of a £6 million improvement and repair programme were seen yesterday when the National Railway Museum at York was reopened by the Duke of Kent after a two-year refit.

After doubling its size to fill a 17 acre site next to York's mainline station, the museum is now the largest of its kind in the world.

Its director, Andrew Dow, is convinced that the exhibition should not just be a collection of old steam locomotives, but a display of the history of railways up to the present day.

As a consequence visitors will enter the former engine shed through a 24ft high complete ring section of the Channel Tunnel towering over surrounding exhibits.

British Rail's latest passenger do with railways. Our duty is

7 per cent of our visitors are railway enthusiasts. We want to attract families looking for a good day out and who will

not get bored by a daunting display of old technology." The museum, which opened in York in 1975 had to close two years ago after faults were discovered in its concrete roof supports.

A temporary exhibition on an adjoining site, "the Great Railway Show", was so successful that it won the 1991 Museum of the Year award and as a result will now become a permanen, show alongside the repaired and

expanded museum building. Richard Gibbon, the curator of engineering, said: "The museum is not about steam locos, it's about rat catching on the line, porters uniforms, Close by will be one of rail unions, anything at all to coaches. Mr Dow said: "Only to illustrate the whole scene."

#### Latest wills

Chief Whip in the House of Lords, left estate valued at £1,252,888

Mr Michael Frederick Sizepherd, of York, left estate valued at £2,992,937 net.

Sir Alfred John Ainley, of Watermillock, Penrith, Cumbria, former Chief Justice of Kenya, left estate valued at £346,542 net. Mr Hyde Charnock Whaley-Tooker, of Cambridge, former Director of Studies in Law at Cambridge University and Emer-itus Fellow of Downing College, left estate valued at £815,316 net. Other estates include (net before

tax paid): Mrs Fernande Marcelle Baker, of 

Michael John, Bari St Aldwya, of Wrs Diana Marion Josephine Williamstrip Park, Coin St Chudley, of Creaton, Aldwyns, Gloucs, former Government Chief Whip and Opposition Katherine Hall, of London Mr John Kemmis Hill, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey £1,203,757

Miss Doris Jean Elizabeth Lea, of Solihuli, West Midlands £1,875,052 Mr Leon Vincent Rapids, of Hatch End, Middleser\_£730,513

Mr George Robinson, of Gainlord, Co Durham, £629,688 Mrs Ruby Moreen Robinson, of. Hilborough, Norfolk..... £965,564 Mrs Ruby Elizabeth Sorfleet, of Southampton, Hants... £796,105 

Mr George Westerdale, of Swantand, North Humber-

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.W.J. Baart and Miss C.M. Cooke The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs L.W. Baart, of Hanwood, Shropshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Cooke, of Ravenshead, Notting-hamshire

mansime.

Mr T.M.T. Baines
and Miss E.M. Edgley
The engagement is announced
between Mark, son of Mrs
Penella Baines and the late Mr
Tim Baines, of Uken, Suffolk, and
Elizabeth (Zib), younger daughter
of Mr and Mrs Denys Edgley, of
Numeral Sumerset.

Mr R.M. Bromley Davenport and Mrs S.J. Waliams The engagement is announced between Malcolm, only son of the late Mr and Mrs R.A. Bromley-Davemport, of Ascot. Berkshire, and Susan (nee Filaner), widow of Dr T.H.J. Williams, of Eastleigh,

Hampshire. Mr T.E.O. Bury and Miss P.M.S. Lowe

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bury, of Mr and Mrs Whatas Buy, or Blackmore, Essex, and Paricia, only daughter of the late Mr Stephen Lowe and of Mrs Margaret Lowe, of Epsom,

Mr D. Gwillim and Miss J.M. Kavanagh

the engagement is announced between David, only son of the late Mr C.M. Gwilliam, FRCS, and Mrs Ines Quinlan, of Bromley, Kent, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Kawanagh, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr W.G. Habry and Miss L.P. McArdle

and Miss L.P. Meardie
The engagement is announced
between William, only son of Mr
and Mrs David Halsey, of
Dulwich, London, and Louise,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Stephen McArdie, of Worstey,

Mr G. Walker-Museo and Miss L. Orchard The engagement is announced between Geordie, younger son of Mr Hugh Walker-Munro and the late Mrs Irene Walker-Munro, of Kinnentes Essate, Angus, to Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Orchard, of Carandain, Perchahire.

#### Marriage Mr.J.G. Barron

and Mrs A.A. Rusne The marriage took place on Friday, April 10, 1992, at Moul-ton, Newmarket, of Mr John Barron, of Moulton Manor, New-market, and Mrs Alice Ruane, of

Melbury Hall, Woolpit, Suffolk.

#### University news

Oucen's, Belfast Appointments

To a chair of social work: Dr Spanishvia Dorote Iwaniec, lead-er of Leicester social services' practice teaching resource centre. Senior lecturer Dr Margaret Elizabeth Cupples (principal in general practice); Thomas Di-Lecturer: Peter Shirlow (economic Lecturer: Peter Shirlow (coonomic geography); Dr Glenn Dickson (anatomy); Dr Finbar McCormick (scientific archaeology); Dr Stephen McCollough (natio-blology); Dr Michael Taylor Caims (molecular oncology); Christopher Marsh (modern history); Lesley McTurk (philosophy, applied ethics).

Visiting professors: Dr Maggle Humm, co-ordinator of women's studies, East London Polytechnics, Rosa Montero, journalist and author, Teresa Rees, lecturer in sociology. University of Wales College of Cardiff.

#### Builders Merchants' Сотрану

The following have been elected officers of the Builders Merchants Company for the ensuing year Master, Mr H.A. Terry, Senior Warden, Mr M. Pares, Junior Warden, Mr A.B. Castledine.

#### Judge retires

Telefax 071 782 7827

LEGAL NOTICES

Judge Toyn has retired from the circuit bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit. He became a

#### Telephone 071 481 4000

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BIRTHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS
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AYNSLEY - See Mol, means BROWN - On April 14th, at the Humana Hapollal Wellinglou, to Rehama and Mark a son Alex Facel COADY On April 13th, at the Countess of Chester Hospital to Maggie mer Belli and John, a son, Alexander John CROFTON - On March 28th to Halary oner Tworti and Julian, a daughler, Harrief Sophie MOLYNEAUX - On Airn Hospital, to Durothy and Nextle a daughler Zoe, a wider for Abbes. syster for Abbes
RAMSDEN - On April 11th
1992, to tra mée Hiribes
and David, al daughter.
Sophie

Sophie SMITH - On Thursday April 10th at the Hirslanden Cline Zurich, Switzerland, to Claire and Michael Feebes, u

Michael James.
WARD On March 2-th 1493
to Michael and Charlotte, a
daughter, Sobha Eleanor chael aim Cliariote. Her, Sophia Eleanor DEATHS BERGNE-COUPLAND On April 14th 1992, John April 14th 1998, John BERGNE-COUPLAND - On April 14th 1992. John Richard, beloved husband of Marri and father of the late Joanna Private cremation. Thanksquan Service on Wednesday-April 22nd at 250 pm. In Lincoln Cathedral. Su flowers Donalions, if desired, lor Arthritis and Rheumalism Council for Recearch to Hon Treasurer. National loved brother and uncle Funeral all Bournemouth Crematerium on Friday April 24th at 2 pm Family flowers only hul denations of desired to The Army Benes oten Fund. c/o Moods & 59 Old Abiliou Road New Millon Hants

ELSTON - On March Loth, suddenty at home Robert Lemard - Robins, agest 86, cherybest husband of Edith baren Mourned and Inseed by mary more han ever he realised. Mourning period took ended.

h) many more than ever be realised. Mourtaing period now ended.

GUTHRIE - On April 15th 1992 suddenly but proceduity. Added Man for JPP Commander LCA Levery Dearty loved mother of the late Professor W. C. Guthrie, Cantarings, Devoted neither of Anne and Rotan, a anarmother of Downton College, Cantarings, Devoted neither of Anne and Rotan, a anarmother of Part Cyrilha. See the Cartain and Neither Management of Lucy and without Stubbs. Anafrew. Clarre and Ton Guthrie, Funeral and S. Garcia, Marrygale, Vork, at 1.15 pm Fridax April 24th Flowers to J. G. Fielder. 48. Cauence Street, Vorv.

Sea, Hants, Loving husband of the late Evels in dearly loved father of Jane Peler and Nicholas and befored grandfather of eithin grandchildren. Service at 40 Santis. Church. Milton: on Sra on Tuesday April 21st at 12 30 pm. Plovers in Mondys F/D, 39 Old Millon Road New Millon. Hands

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING UNDER SECTION 48/21 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 Company Number 55878 BRITISH MANUFACTURE AND RESEARCH CO LIMITED REGISTERED IN ENCLAND AND WALES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the insolvent, Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at: The Swallow Hotel. Swangbridge Road. Grantham, Linco NGS1 7XT on 28 Juni 1992 at 11 CO a m for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the joint administrative receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may if it itaks fill, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors, committees by or under the Act.

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Please note that the original proxy signed by or on behalt of the creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned, photocopies uncluding faced copies are not acceptable.

Date 13 April 1992

C. J Barlow

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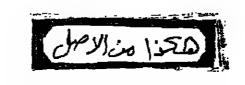
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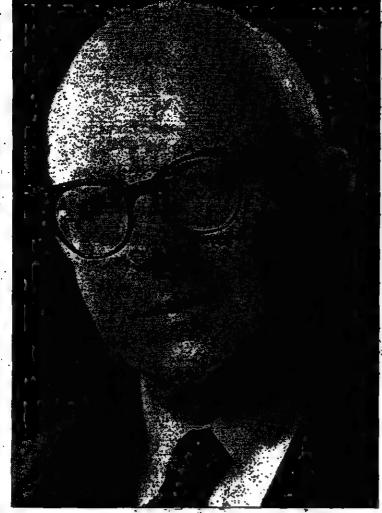
# SIR CLIFFORD DARBY

Professor Sir Clifford Darby, CBE, professor of geography in the University of Cambridge, 1966-77, died on April 14 aged 83. He was born at Resolven, Glamorgan, on February 7., 1909.

CLIFFORD Darby (H. C. Darby, as. he was known through his writings) exercised a profound influence on the development and understanding of historical geography both in this country and the United States. He is most widely known for the magisterial work The Domesday Geography of England which appeared in seven volumes between 1952 and 1977. This magnum opus was largely conceived by Darby: he was its general editor and contributed very substantially to the work, whose first six volumes covered the country, region by region, and were summarised in a seventh. In this great enterprise he thus became one of that rare group of academics who have single handedly established an active school of researchers, whose members were able to absorb and expand his original ideas.

This undertaking called for scholarship of the highest order and demonstrated Darby's capacity to marshal decisive evidence with candour and patience. But like all his achievements it rested on a strongly practical bent as a geographer, an ability to elaborate medieval geography using land surveys, and the capacity to reconstruct a vanished landscape from contemporary documents. These same qualities, incidentally, had enabled him to play an important role in wartime naval Intelligence.

Henry Clifford Darby was educated at Neath County School and entered St Catharine's College, Cambridge, when he was only 16. This unusually early entry was more than justified by his subsequent career; he took first class honours in both parts of the geographical tri-pos. After graduation Darby began research on the Fenland under Bernard Manning who had a great effect on his work. In 1929 he visited outhern Africa at the time of the meeting of the British Association in Cape Town, but more particularly at the suggestion of Isaiah Bowman, then director of the American Geographical Society, that he should undertake some work which led to



He had taken his PhD in 1931 and in that same year succeeded Manning as lecturer in histórical geography at Cambridge. In the following year he was elected to the Ehrman fellowship at King's College, where he met Sir John Clapham, who had considerable influence on his academic outlook. Until the outbreak of war Darby was busy at research and teaching, and edited and contributed to An Historical Geography of England be-fore 1800 which appeared in 1936. The Medieval Fenland and The Draining of the Fens, which both appeared in 1940, were distinguished by careful scholarship and

the publication of Plonear Problems showed how fully Darby appreciation Rhodesia and Nyasaland in ed the geographical and historical aspects of a process which has steadily altered the character of this erstwhile "prodigious amphibious district" since the end of the middle

> In 1940 Darby was commissioned in the Intelligence Corps. There he directed a team whose aim was to produce a series of documents which would explain to practical navy men, whether captains of ships, midshipmen in charge of boats, or leaders of parties of marines, the nature of any coast they might be called upon to invade. This undertaking involved not merely describing physical features - capes, bays, beaches and creeks - but also explaining in a lucid manner, what

languages, industries and other economic characteristics the assaulting forces might have to cope with, once, ashore. From 1941 to 1945 Darby was intimately associated with the publication of the Cambridge volomes of the Admiralry handbooks which were prepared at the Scott Polar Research Institute. For his war work he was made OBE in,

In 1945 Darby was appointed to the John Rankin chair of geography at Liverpool. There he revived and rehabilitated the department which had been evacuated during the war, and whose staff had been scattered. He gathered around him some very able young men, several of whom were later elected to professorships in other universities. He developed research activities and established a strong technical side — a develop-ment he extended considerably when he went to London in 1949.

At University College he succeeded C. B. Fawcett in the oldest chair of geography in this country. He strongly encouraged research and publication by his colleagues and pupils and he built up a large and distinguished department. He was active in establishing joint appointments with the School of Slavonic Studies and the Latin American Institute. During this time he made several visits to America and was visiting professor at Chicago, 1952; Harvard, 1959 and 1964-65; and Washington, 1963. In 1966 he moved to the chair at

Cambridge and resumed his associ-ation with King's College, where he was elected to a professorial fellow-ship and on his retirement in 1976 became an emeritus fellow. Unfortunately he arrived at Cambridge at a time of financial stringency and was only partially able to expand the developments in the scope and con-tent of the tripos which had already begun. What was even more frustrating was the severe limitation in the appointment of new staff.

It was also a time when, in all universities, staff-student relations were beginning to pose problems, with the hitherto acknowledged right of age and experience to lecture to callow youth being every-where called into question. Geography in Cambridge and elsewhere was scarcely affected in this way, but Darby soon showed by his attitude and approachability that he was well able to talk effectively to the occasional undergraduate in his department who was imbued with those fashionable doctrines which considered acquiring some acquaintanceship with the wisdom of ages to be an activity inferior to spontaneous response" to one's immediate surroundings. Part of Darby's authority with the young in an informal manner lay in the fact that he was such an excellent communicator as a teacher and lecturer. None of his university preoccupa-

tions checked — as they so often, regrettably, do, when creative scholars become embroiled in the minutiae of academic wrangling — a steady flow of publications, both as contributor and editor. His A New Historical Geography of England of 1973 appeared in a two-volume edition three wears later and The Changing Fenland was published in 1983. Meanwhile older works of his continued to be popular. The University Atlas (edited with H. Fullard) of 1937 went through its 22nd edition in 1983, while The Library Atlas (also with H. Fullard), which had appeared in the same year, was in its 15th edition by 1981. These two editors collaborated again on The New Cambridge Modern History Atlas which was published in 1975 and immediately acknowledged as being unexample: in its field. Darby's scholarship and practical

ability were recognised in many ways: he was a member of the English Place Name Society and also of the Royal Commission on Ancient Moraments. From 1958 to 1963 he was a member of the National Parks Commission, and from 1964 to 1968 of the Water Resources Board. He was president of the Institute of British Geographers in 1961 and chairman of the British National Committee for Geography, 1973-78. America and the Netherlands honoured him and in 1957 he was made an honorary member of the Croatian Geographical Society. At home, he was also made an honorary member of the Royal Geographical Society and, in addition to his numerous honorary degrees, and fellowship of the British Academy, was created CBE in 1978 and knighted in 1988 for his services to the study of historical esography.

He martied in 1941 Eva Constance Thompson. She and their two daughters survive him.

#### J. W. DEEGAN

Joseph William Deegan, a former inspector-general of the colonial police, died on April 14 aged 93. He was born on February 8. 1809

WHEN "King Freddie", the Kabaka of Buganda, was deported from Uganda by the British in 1953, "Dec" Deegan was the commissioner of police who had to atrest him and escort him to the aircraft.

The moment was an embarrassing one for both men, who had formed a mutual liking and respect. They had first met a number of years earlier in England before "Freddie", after Sandhurst and the Grenadier Guards, had had to interrupt his Cambridge University degree course on inheriting the throne of Buganda, the most powerful kingdom within the

British colony.

Subsequent events had led the British government, however, to perceive the Kabaka's influence as a threat To Deegan, now in charge of law and order, fell the responsibility of quelling any civil protest — especially with a visit by the Queen already scheduled as part of her postcoronation tour of the Commonwealth.

Uganda happily remained calm and Whitehall relented 18 months later and allowed the Kabaka to go back. One of the first calls he made on his return was on "Dee" Deegan, to thank him for the couriesy and restraint with which his own deportation had been handled.

Neither man could then have foreseen the tragedy which was to befall Uganda. Four years after Uganda became independent in 1962. 'King Freddie", now his country's honorary president, was deported again - this time by Milton Obote - later to die in lonely exile in Britain.

Deegan, too, was to suffer his share of disappointment. He had extensively modernised the Ugandan police force and later contributed a paper on his work to an Oxford research study on the administration of the old empire. But he was to see his reforms largely swept away by the dictatorial Obote and by his still more tyrannical successor. Idi Amin.

By this time, however, Deegan himself had long moved on. After 18 years in the Ugandan police, the last six of them as commissioner.



he was brought back to London in 1956 as deputy inspector-general of the colo-nial police. He retired after five years, only to return in 1963 for two more years and eventually to serve as inspec-tor-general himself in 1966-

He travelled the world in his Colonial Office job. throughout the West Indies, Africa and Asia. He investigated corruption in the Ca-ribbean and advised his political masters in Whitehall on the internal security of countries which were being considered for independence from Britain.

A quiet thoughtful Irishman, Deegan was educated at schools in his native Dublin and began work as a tea boy on The Irish Times. But his life changed in 1919 when he joined the army and while serving as a quartermaster-sergeant was seconded to the King's African Rifles in what was then Tanganyi-

Despite long gruelling foot safaris through the bush, he so fell in love with the country and its climate that when his tour of duty had come to an end he left the army rather than return to Britain and instead joined the Tanganyika police. He served in the force for 13 years from 1925 until 1938 when he moved to Entebbe in Uganda. He was awarded the Colonial Police Medal in 1942 and the King's Police Medal in 1950.

One reason why he was reluctant to return to this country in 1925 was perhaps that he had met his future wife, Nell, while in East Africa, where her father was working with the Imperial War Graves Commission. They married in 1926 and seven years ago celebrated their diamond wedding. He is survived by her and by their son and two daughters

#### Robert

Longmire

ROBERT A. Longmire, the editor of the journal of the Royal Society of Asian Affairs for nearly ten years, has died. He brought to the journal a knowledge, built up over a lifetime, of the affairs of the

Soviet Union and a keen in-

terest in that part of Central

Longmire joined the Foreign Service in 1950 first going to the embassy in Moscow. He was to return there twice more in 1958 and fl. nally from 1968 to 1971 as First Secretary.

He finished his diplomatic career in the research department of the Foreign Office.

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#### PROFESSOR ALAN WILLIAMS

Professor Alan Williams, FRS, biochemist, died from lung cancer at the Churchill Hospital, Oxword, on April 9 aged 46. He was born in Australia

ALAN Williams made three major contributions to his field of interest, the biochemical analysis of the molecules at the leucocyte cell surface. His recognition that the im-munoglobulin domain was a biochemical structure whose expression was not confined to molecules involved in immunity led him to suggest the existence of the immunoglobulin superfamily. This prediction has been amply proven with more than 50 proteins on leucocytes being in this family and many others in different tissues.

Second was the characterisation of the first mammalian cell surface protein to be integrated into the membrane by a lycophospholipid anchor rather than through a hydrophobic protein sequence. This result paralleled similar

findings in parasites by

others. Finally, when Cesar Milstein and George Kohler published the first paper on monoclonal antibodies. which later earned them the Nobel prize, Williams imm-"\ ediately recognised the potential of monoclonal antibodies as immunological tools, both for the identification of novel molecules and for their purification. He published a paper with Cesar Milstein and coworkers which described the characterisation of three new molecules. One of these is the



rat homologue of what became called CD4 in man and which others were to show was the receptor for the Aids virus.

In recognition of these con-

tributions national and international honours followed. He was made a member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (1984), an honorary member of the American Society of Immunologists (1989), an honorary member of the Scandinavian Society of Immunology (1990) and a fellow of the Royal Society (1990). In addition he received an ad hominem professorship of immunology from Oxford University (1990). Late in 1991 he accepted an invitation to succeed Professor Henry Harris, FRS, as head of the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. Oxford, and was due to take up his

position in October Alan Williams obtained his Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from the Univer-sity of Melbourne in 1967 and then moved to Adelaide where he worked for his PhD. On the completion of his thesis he and his wife Ros came to Oxford where he became a member of the biochemistry late Professor Rodney Porter, FRS. In 1977 Williams was appointed director of the Medical Research Council Cellular Immunology Research Unit in succession to Professor (later Sir) James Gowans and he held this post until his death.

To his colleagues and students Williams was a real enthusiast for blochemical research and he brought many projects to fruition by his drive and energy. It was characteristic of him and an example of remarkable courage that he was actively engaged in the preparation of a major reference book on the biochemistry of molecules at the cell surface until the day before he died. He made no secret of his lung cancer and by facing it openly he made it easier for others to deal with the psychological aspects of his disease

· The standards of scientific excellence that he set produced a cohort of postgradu-ates who were well founded in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. He showed much concern in their subsequent careers although few people knew what care went into the references that he wrote. His own career in science brought him many friends for he was most generous in sharing the proceeds of his talent with others.

He is survived by his wife, Ros and his two children, Ben and Eliza.

#### **GEORGE PAINE**

George ("Toby") Paine, CB, DFC, former director of statistics at the Inland Revenue and Registrar General for England and Wales, died on March 2 April 14, 1918.

GEORGE Paine's wide background in economic statistics, his great facility with figures, his general quick-wittedness and a certain combativeness in argument were of great value in providing as reliable a stream of statistical advice as possible to successive chancellors of the exchequer and to the Board of Inland Revenue, where he was director of statistics from 1957 to 1972: he became a familiar figure in the official box in the House of Commons during budget debaues.

In the course of his renure as director of statistics increasingly complicated changes in taxation came under consideration, with correspondingly increasing demands for statistical support. His later years at the Board of Inland Revenue saw the introduction of a capital gains tax and a complete restructuring of the company taxation system. He was made a CB in 1974.

The final stage of Paine's professional career saw him abandoning economic for social statistics when in 1972 he became the first professional statistician to occupy the post of Registrar General for England and Wales and director of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, which had been formed in 1970 by the merger of the General Register Office and the Gov-



ernment Social Survey. He held this post with distinction until his retirement, and was substantially responsible for unifying the two somewhat disparate components into a single department. He was also responsible for the production of the results from the 1971 census of population, and for much of the planning for the 1981 census, which proved to be one of the most successful since the war.

Toby Paine, as he was universally known, came from a farming family in Kent. a background which was to remain important to him throughout his life. He was educated at Bradfield College and Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he read mathematics and took a double first. He joined the RAF in 1942, serving as a flight licutenant with characteristic bravery, and was awarded the DFC in 1944.

His farming interests made it appropriate that when he entered the statistician class of the Home Civil Service in

1948 it should have been in the Ministry of Agriculture. But only a year later he was transferred to the company statistics post at the Board of Inland Revenue, so entering taxation statistics which was to occupy more than 20 years of his professional life. From 1954 to 1957 he was the company sector statistician at the Central Statistics Office and in 1957 moved to the Board of Trade on promotion to chief statistician.

After only a few months there he moved back to the Board of Inland Revenue to replace Reginald Beales as director of the statistics division, first at chief statistician level and then, from 1966, as

under-secretary. He was a demanding but fair manager who would always give total support to his staff, once their statistical costings had withstood the keen scrutiny which he gave

them. For most of Paine's professional life his main relaxation had been to return to his family's farm to assist with the hop harvest there, and on his retirement he was happy to indulge once again in this the most enduring of his many interests. He retired to a smallholding in an idyllic spot in Wiltshire and devoted his still formidable energies to the cultivation of more than a thousand apple, pear and plum trees and to looking after his beloved bee-hives.

He leaves a widow, Hilary, to whom he was married in 1969, and three children by his wife's first marriage, to whom he was a devoted step-

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#### April 17 ON THIS DAY

In the late eighteenth and Post Office had the sole right to receive foreign newspapers and sell censored translations to the press. In 1792 The Times dissatisfied with this practice, established its own foreign news service, often

ing a cutter running across the Channel to bring dispatches from its own correspondents as well as items from continental

FRANCE Particulars of the Trial and Execution of the Compirators.

Paris, April 9 The conduct of Chabot, and d'Espagnac, the jobber, is held out here as having belonged to a system of corruption. Their agents consisted of Renoit of Angers, Baron de Batz, the Ex-Constituent, Chabot's two brothers-in-law, and Guzman, the Spaniard. Renoit, the emissary of le Brun and Brissot in England, as represented as having there studied the arts of Corruption and duplicity . . . With this system of corrup-

acy of Fabre d'Eglantine, who had, from his youth upwards, been addicted to theft; and yet had, not withstanding, been named to the Presidency of National Convention; of Danton, who, a patriot at the wards been open to corruption, and had finally withdrawn himself from the Committee of Public Safety, the better to concert the plan of his opera-tions; and of Camille Desmoulins, who endeavoured to impede by his moderantism the vigorous measures which the revolutionary movement

Dumourier in Belgium, and through him were transmitted the dispatches of the latter to Gensonne and the other conspirators, as well as theirs in reply. When Dumourier, in the month of December 1792, repaired to Clicky, there to concert with the heads of the faction the means of saving the tyrant: while on the other hand he treated with d'Orients to obtain for the latter the kingly authority, Westermann was the very foul and main spring of all

hese projects.
Such are the imputed crimes, on the grounds of which the conspirators were sent to the scaffold, whither they were conveyed in three carts. In the space of 18 minutes the execution was over. Lacroix, who at leaving the Conciergerie, endeavoured to put on a courageous air, could not conceal his terror when he approached the fatal spot Danton, who suffered last, displayed, to last moment, all the audacity of a hardened conspirator; like Herbert, he was distinguished by his red collar, and conversed with Lacroix, and Fabre d'Eglantine. Herault was silent, Chabor, smiling, pointed to the

Desmouline continually addressed himself to the people. The courage the latter affected to display was a very painful effort. The head of Danton alone was displayed to the speciators, who as usual made the air resound with the cry of vive la Republique!

No spectacle can possibly be more horrid than that of the present state of this capital. The streets every where blocked up by beggars, whose impornunites obstruct the passenger at every step he takes. A prodigious number of houses untenanted, and of shops shut up. Crowds besieging the doors of the bakers' and butchers' shops. Pits filled up with victims who have sought a ter-mination of their miseries in the Place de la Revolution; and the police continually on foot for the purpose of new arrests which keep every one in dread the agent and accomplice of that the visit may be to him.

#### **Church services for Good Friday** Birthdays

Mr Lindsay Anderson, film and theatre director, 69: Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 76: Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 62; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 61; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curic Memorial Foundation, 61; Miss Ruth Etchells, former principal, St John's College, Durham, 61: Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 46: Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 67; Mr George Keyt, artist, 91; Mr James last, bandleader, 63: Viscount Margesson, 70; Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 38; Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 79; Mr Christopher Sporborg, a vice-chairman, Hambros, 53; Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith, former headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 63; Mr Michael Vernon. former chairman, Spillers, 66: Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, entomolo-

gist, 93; the Right Rev J. Yates, Bishop at Lambeth, 67.

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# Workers use Easter break to clear City bomb damage

By Lin Jenkins

AN ARMY of builders, gla-ziers, scaffolders and road sweepers are working overtime during the holiday weekend in a race to clear up the devastation caused by last Friday's IRA bombing of the City of London.

Hundreds of skips are to be moved into the empty streets over Easter when broken glass in some of the 200 damaged buildings on the main traffic routes can at last be knocked out without risk to the public. Tons of paper-work that the wind has whipped from exposed desks, and which has choked the streets all week, can be cleared away.

Some of the roads around the most severely affected area, such as Bevis Marks, Leadenhall Street and Camomile Street, will be closed for a time to allow the clear-up to continue. A spokesman for the City of London said: "With the priority being put on getting the city back to work and causing the mini-mum disruption to the business community, the Easter break provides a brilliant opportunity to clear up. The key thing will be making safe the buildings in St Mary Axe, so that and part of Leadenhall

Reglazing of some buildings, including the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, begins today and is expected to take up to three months. District surveyors have al-ready handed back most of the buildings to their owners, but have further work to carry out on the Chamber of Shipping and the Baltic Ex-change which took the brunt of the blast. Parts of both buildings will be dismantled





Shattered landscape: police photographs taken after last Friday's bomb explosion show the devastation caused to the City of London

southeast England might be dry for a time in the morning. Drier but rather cloudy weather will move southeastwards reaching southeast England by evening although sheltered parts of central and eastern England should see some brighter spells during the

## Dragged anchor severs cross-Channel cable

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MONARCH, a ship owned by British Telecom equipped to lay and repair telecom-munications cables, was dis-patched from Southampton yesterday after a key undersea cable carrying telephone and data communications to the Continent was severed late on

Wednesday evening.

Some services to Europe and the rest of the world, including communications from City of London dealing rooms and reports from the Press Association news agency, were disrupted for more than eight hours. Engineers at Mercury Communicauses the 80-mile Brighton to Dieppe cable, worked to reroute calls.

A spokesman for BT said it had taken the same amount

of time to restore fully their services, although he emphasised that no customers had noticed any difference as ur-gent customers had been dealt with first. A Mercury spokesman said services were fully restored at about 5am by feeding communications via UK-Netherlands 12, a fibre optic cable running from Aideburgh, Suffolk, to Dom-

A microwave radio link, operated by BT between Toisford Hill, Kent, and the French coast, has also been commandeered "in accordance with a pre-planned res-

Initially, rough seas were blamed for the break, which happened on the two-year-old UK-France 3 cable which is owned by Mercury, BT and

France Telecom. Later the cause had been pinpointed to an unnamed ship "dragging its anchor down the Chan-nel" about 2.5 miles off Dieppe. This had damaged the cable, which is buried in the sea bed to a depth of around

Alistair Grieve, general manager of Mercury's international business group, emphasised that there had been no danger to marine life because, unlike transatlantic fibre optic cables, the crosschannel links operate at low

A spokesman for BT said carry up to 11,500 telephone calls simultaneously, repaired over the next few days, depending on the weather.

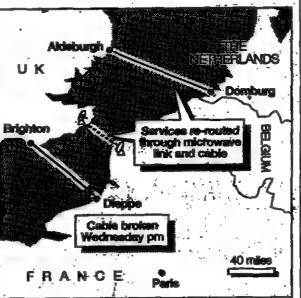
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Broken link: most customers were unaware of it

#### Van holds up big getaway

with a minibus on the A40 on the outsiants of Haverined, west. Dyfed. Police said four of five of the casualties were seriously injured. In Paignton, 16 pensioners were treated for a line of the casualties and the casualties of the casualt ed for minor injuries after their coach crashed on a hill. Long queues built up on either side, of the Severa Bridge. AA Rosidwatch said there was an eight-mile tail-back heading west and a five-mile queue eastboomd. Fur-ther into Wates, another queue built up on the A55 as westboomd holidaymakers ran into roadworks. There were more delays in Chesture. tions contributed to a 11-mile tailback in each direction on

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with outbreaks of rain, but

#### Kabul leader ousted as rebels surround city

Continued from page I own party. Now he would have to answer for his actions. He should be handed over to the appropriate authorities. by Mr Wakil, whose apparent purpose was to demonstrate to the mujahidin — "our brothers" he called them --that the Watan party was ready to embrace its former enemies. He said power had shifted temporarily to the four tice presidents, that has soon as soon the compository rulacil would assume all powers. It would be in of non-controversial some of them out of

Bengi Sevan, the UN en-light of Afghanistan, spent Jestralay in emergency meet-lings in Kabul trying to put some kind of ruing structure

in place. It is clear that army

generals are playing a key role in the transition. About 20 miles out of the ity soldiers with tanks wait by the main highway leading to the north, while mujahidin and their unlikely allies mutinous troops and militia wait just over the hills.
 Fundamentalist mujahidin. who still appear determined to capture Kabul, say the UN peace plan is unacceptable

and that they will fight on. Mr Wakil said 45 generals and 17 other senior officers supported the UN plan. Someral possibilities are now emerging. One is that some mujahidin groups and sections of the army will form an alliance to protect the capital from the fundamentalists.

End of the track, page 9

# 27 Ponder a solution that's to be worked on (7).

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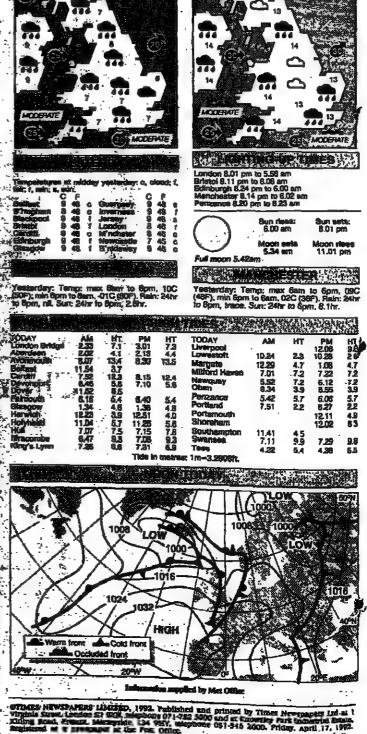
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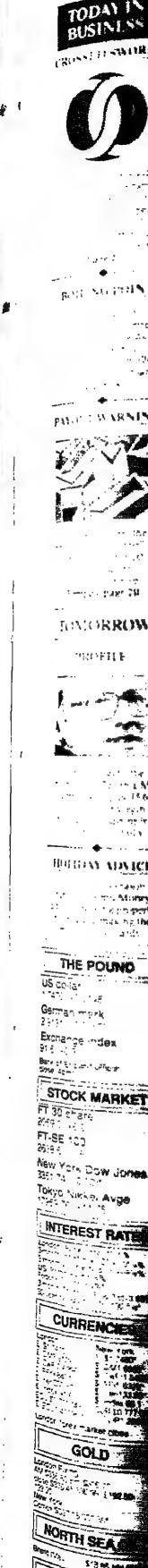
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brickmaker, says it will be forced to cut its next dividend unless markets improve Tempus, page 20

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As the holiday season starts. Weekend Money advises on being properly insured and making the most of credit cards

Lloyd's relieved as High Court rules drawdowns can go ahead

# Names fail in bid to stop assets seizure

By Jonathan Prynn

A HUGE collective sigh of relief was breathed by the Lloyd's insurance market yesterday with the news that a legal move by 800 names to prevent Lloyd's seizing their assets to pay claims had been blocked in the High Court.

The names, advised by Michael Freeman, a leading Lloyd's lawyer, now stand to lose "tens of millions of pounds" as drawdowns on their deposits begin after Easter. Mr Freeman said yesterday that there was now "nothing we can do to pre-vent that". However, the names are likely to proceed with a full claim for damages when the drawdowns have been made later in the year.

The judgment against the names by Mr Justice Saville was widely expected but, nev-ertheless, has been greeted enthusiastically in and around Lime Street. Paul Archard, chairman of the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents Association, said: "If it had gone the other way, it would have been a very, very serious threat to Lloyd's but there was never really a prayer of its succeeding. The judgment is a very clear signal to people buying policies from Lloyd's that they are going to get paid. It is very good news for

the policyholder."

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, said: "We are naturally delighted with the judgment in Lloyd's and the members' agents' favour. We had every confidence in the outcome from the date proderwriting members of Lloyd's have a legal obliga-tion to keep their agents in funds at all times. The primacy of this principle, 'pay now, sue later, has been upheld and their funds can now be released to meet the cash calls

made by their agents."
The judge did not award Lloyd's costs, but has awarded the members' agents costs

on standard terms The Freeman action was

probably the most threatening of all the myriad legal actions around the world that Lloyd's is facing. If the case had gone against Lloyd's, the market would have been unable to tap the personal financial resources of names on loss-making syndicates and

However, the judgment leaves many names facing personal financial ruin. One estimate suggested up to 4,000 names would be effectively bankrupted by the drawdowns. Almost 1,000 have already applied to the Lloyd's hardship committee to negotiate a progamme of pay-ments of their Lloyd's debts

would have broken the chain

of security behind the Lloyd's

over the rest of their lives. About 30 of the names involved in the action were in court to hear the judgment. One said the reaction had been "grim", with several of the names facing the loss of their homes when the draw-down procedure begins. One farmer who has lost £800,000 said he would be forced to sell his farm. The text of the judgment will not be available for about two weeks.

The judgment against the Freeman names is likely to trigger at least two new actions by names. The Gooda Walker Action Group, one of the most aggressive of the 11 active names groups, has pre-



pared an injunction, which it had been holding back while the Freeman action still stood a chance of success.

A new umbrella action group for names facing per-sonal bankruptcy is also to be launched early next week. The Distressed Names LMX Spiral Action Group is provi-cionally headed by Andrew sionally headed by Andrew Grossman, an American lawver, who is one of the leading players in the legal moves against Lloyd's in New York.

In a letter to be sent to thousands of names on the hardest hit syndicates, Mr Grossman said the group, which is advised by Withers, the law firm, would attempt to use a legal opinion from Gavin Lightman QC as the basis for an injunction. In the letter, Mr Grossman said it was known that "Mr Freeman's application based on technical objection stood little chance of success." The only realistic possibility of obtaining an injuction, according to Mr Grossman, "is to base a claim either on criminal fraud or dishonesty". Mr Grossman has asked for £300

to join the new group.

Another group of names, those on the 1982 Outhwaite syndicate, who were left out of the £116 million settlement in February, also iumbered closer to the courts this week with a decision to issue a writ before the end of the week. About 300 names, including many who work in the market, have given the go-ahead for a writ although they are still pressing for a solution to their claim that does not in-

Mr Coleridge is said to be examining proposals that will offer all names who have suffered heavy losses in recent years some relief through a evy on the market. However, he would face resistance from many in the market who believe that names must be made to meet their full responsibilities under their unferwriting agreements.



Confident of outcome: David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's

#### **National Power wins case**

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer), the power industry watchdog, has ruled National Power is not guilty of abusing its strong position in the electricity generation market by discriminating against London Electricity, one of the regional distributors.

London had alleged it had had effectively been shut out of the potentially lucrative electricity contract supply market. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the director generai of electricity supply, did, however, request undertakings from National Power and PowerGen, the smaller generator, including one that they would run their supply offshoots as separately finan-ced companies.

National Power has given the undertakings, aimed at preventing anti-competitive cross-subsidies between its supply and generation businesses. A similar deal is being discussed with PowerGen.

Professor Littlechild said electricity suppliers offering low prices must make comparable offers to all similar customers. "This should discourage a supplier from adopting a predatory pricing policy designed to freeze out competition, without preventing price cutting which reflects genuinely lower costs," National Power said it was

happy with the ruling and did not practise discrimination or tricity said it was satisfied with Professor Littlechild's actions. Clive Myers, marketing and supply director, said: "The undertakings National Power has given will avoid discrimination in the future. We hope PowerGen will enter into a similar understanding." PowerGen said it could not comment while talks were continuing.

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#### **Eagle** offshoot sale raises £130m

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EAGLE Star, the troubled Industries, has strengthened its balance sheet with the £130 million sale of Australian Eagle Insurance, its Australian subsidian.

The group has split the business and sold the life assurance arm to Lend Lease Group, the Australian financial group, and the general insurance to QBE, an estabished Australian insurer.

Michael Heath, Eagle's marketing director, said the sale was part of a major reorganisation. The group is focusing on its business in Britain and continental Europe. "Australia has been a fair market for us, but not a strategic market, and this was sizeable enough as a disposal to have an impact on the balance sheet," he said.

Australian Eagle earned general insurance premiums of A\$150 million (£66 million) and life premiums of A\$187 million last year, and contributed £5 million to group profits.

Eagle is making a £75 million profit on the sale. which it plans to include in its second-warter results, and will help to reduce the group's continuing losses. Eagle lost £394 million last year, up from a loss of £128 million in 1990, and is not forecast to return to profit until next year at the earliest.

Mr Heath said no other businesses were earmarked for disposal and that the group had decided to keep its businesses in South Africa and Hong Kong.

Insurance analysis welcomed the disposal because it will strengthen Eagle's reserves. The deal will increase the company's solvency margin, the measure of its claims paying ability, by 7 percentage points to 46 per cent. analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "I was concerned that Eagle Star was inadequately capitalised, but now it looks as though it would be the second strongest capitalised insurer in the sector if it was separately quoted." He re-fused to increase his profit Eagle Star, like other insurers, will suffer a rush of claims from last Friday's bomb in

#### THE POUND

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#### Horton: star turn

#### **Budget deficit soars to** record £6.4bn for month BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE budget deficit leapt to a record £6.4 billion in March to take the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) for the whole of fiscal 1991-2 to £13.9 billion, slightly more than the Chancellor forecast last month.

Although the March data came as no surprise in the City, it underlined the rapid deterioration in government finances which has become a source of concern in financial markets. For the current fiscal year, Norman Lamont predicts the PSBR will more than double to £28 billion. In 1990-1, there was a net re-payment of £500 million.

Excluding privarisation re-ceipts, fiscal 1991-2 showed a PSBR of £21.8 billion, compared with a £4.9 billion budget deficit the previous year. The previous PSBR record for a single month was £3.9 billion in March 1988. The record PSBR this

March was seen by economists as an alarming fore taste of things to come. Last month, central government borrowing was £4.71 billion, against £1.9 billion in February. Local authority borrowing rose to £2.8 billion from £2.08 billion. Privatisation proceeds were £100 million.

Bank of England figures showed banknotes in circulation jumping 5.8 per cent in the week to April 15. The previous week, the annual rise was 1.2 per cent. Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, said the timing of Easter last year explained the surge. ☐ The dollar reached new

By JON ASHWORTH

THE Barbican Concert Hall

has played host to many fam-

ous performers in its time.

Yesterday, Robert Horton, chairman of British Petro-

leum and one of Britain's

highest paid directors, set out

to show that he is up there

Mr Horton took the stage

for an annual meeting on a Hollywood scale. Britain's

third-biggest company had

seen one of its worst years in

recent memory. Profits had

plunged 85 per cent in the final quarter of 1991. The share price had fallen heavily

and the 1,300 shareholders at

Mr Horton, who earned

£787,000 last year, launched

the show wanted answers.

with the best.

heights of DM1.6720 in New York, before settling back at DM1.6665, in response to figures showing America's trade gap at its smallest for nearly nine years and lower claims for unemployment benefit. The trade dance was \$3.4 billion in deficit in February, instead of a forecast \$5.2 billion. Exports set a record, while im-

ports fell slightly, but about a third of the improvement in the balance was attributable to notoriously erratic exports of aircraft and parts. The January deficit was \$5.9

Weekly labour department data on first-time claims for unemployment benefit in the week ending April 4 fell 17,000 from the previous

BP's chief treads the boards with skill

annual general meeting takes place during one of the long-

est and most obstinate reces-

sions since the Thirties," he

said. "It's a recession which

has left nobody unscathed,

but some industries have

been hit much harder than

others. This time, I'm afraid,

it's the oil sector's turn to be

Shareholders nodded glum-

ty. This would explain why profits in the final quarter had crumpled from £456 mil-

lion to £72 million. It would explain why the final dividend had been held, leaving them

with a dividend increase bare-

Mr Horton took extraordi-

nary pains to explain what

ly matching inflation.

in the firing line."

#### **UK** factories boost competitiveness

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S manufacturers have sharply increased comures from the employment department. The year-on-year growth in

output per head during February, at 4.3 per cent, was the highest since the second quarter of 1989. The upsurge helped make the upward trend over the latest quarter, at 2.9 per cent a month, the

Productivity improvements were underpinned by a further fall in wages and salaries per unit of output. In the three months to mid-February, the annualised rise was 4.5 per cent, the lowest level since the second quarter of

The improvements were reflected by similar, but more

into a lengthy speech. "This ber, BP had actually been do-some of the speculation and

prices across the oil sector. In

Britain, BP had faced a tax

bill which was "totally out of

Howeer, it was not all bad

news. There had been a mag-

nificent oil strike in Columbia

and three North Sea fields

were coming on stream.

Fields under development

would produce 200,000 bar-

Not too long ago, rumours

of a boardroom split at BP

had sent the shares tumbling. Mr Horton wanted to set the

record straight: "Times are

tough at the moment and I do

realise that recent events have

been worrying to you. This

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had gone wrong. Until Octo- can't have been helped by

step" with its performance.

ing quite well. The weak price scaremongering in the press, of crude had hammered share which has been as wide of the

modest, gains in the competitive position of the economy

as a whole. The rise in unit costs for the whole economy during the final quarter of 1991 was 5.7 per cent. There was a a 1.8 per cent rise in productivity during the period Employment department figures also showed a fall in

the number out of work during March, by 3,010, to 2.707.477. After seasonal adjustment, the rise in unemployment, of 7,400, was the smallest for 23 months. The disappointment in the

latest figures was the absence of a reduction in the rate of increase in average earnings. The year-on-year rise was unchanged at 74 per cent.

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#### **Premier** optimistic despite decline

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ROLAND Shaw, the outspoken chairman of Premier Consolidated Oilfields, the oil independent, has again warmed to the theme of the iniquities of City valuation of exploration stocks.

in a letter to shareholders posted with the company's nine-month results, Mr Shaw said he believed "the market's disaffection with the oil industry and Premier has been vastly overdone". The market reaction had now "bottomed out" and the price would "slowly recover". However, Premier's share price continued to fall yesterday, losing

2p to close at 20p. Early last year, the shares were changing hands at more than 50p and in August 1990. Kelinwort Benson was left holding a 29.7 per cent stake after paying about 98p. It later sold at 78p. Pre-tax profits for the nine

months to end-December were £9.64 million, compared with £12.7 million for the 12 months to end-March 1991. The company has changed its year end to bring it in line with the industry's calendar year used for exploration budgets. The nine-month profit benefited by £2.4 million through a change in the accounting policy on amorti-

sation of oil and gas assets. The balance sheet at the year end showed £30 million of cash and £62 million of net debt. Cash flow during the period was £21 million. Mr Shaw said that Premier was

# Bosch makes an agreed bid for Worcester Group

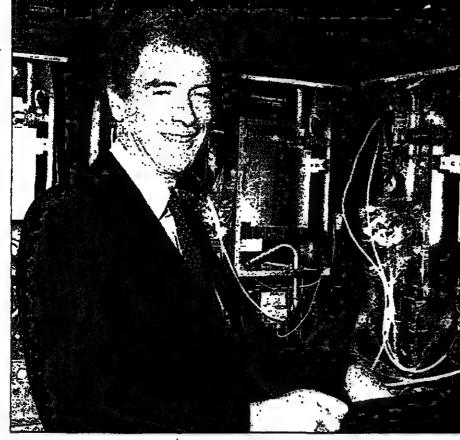
WORCESTER Group, the quoted gas boiler maker, has agreed to a £71.8 million-takeover bid from Robert Bosch, the German automotive and industrial company. The combined sales of Worcester and Bosch's boiler

division will represent Europe's second-largest company in this sector.
The Robert Bosch takeover

is a direct response to the legislative changes that will result from the single European market next year, which is nical and environmental standards for the heating appliances market. At present, European boiler makers find it difficult to sell abroad because of varying technical requirement and long approval processes.

Clemens Boersig, associate member of Bosch's management board, said: "The acquisition of Worcester will significantly enhance Bosch's presence in the UK gas heating appliance market. Bosch and Worcester have complementary product ranges and Worcester will benefit in the medium term from wider opportunities in Europe as part of the Bosch group.

Both companies hope to benefit from exploiting their complimentary distribution networks throughout Europe. Cecil Duckworth, chairman and chief executive of Worcester, said that research and development spending is set to increase strongly over the next year. "There is a lot



Wired into Europe: Cecil Duckworth, the Worcester Group chairman

pening not only in terms of efficiency and but also from environmental point of view."

Worcester has three plants in Britain and one in Belgium. Its turnover in 1991 was £65.2 million. The boiler

spark plugs, power tools and fuel injection systems, is Junkers, which has a DM800 million turnover and operates near Stuttgart. Bosch is offering 225p for

per cent of the equity. Worcester's management will continue as significant shareholders in the new group. The senior management holds 38.4 per cent of Worcester and will Worcester shares, representend up with 32.3 per cent of Robert Bosch Investment, the takeover vehicle, if the bid is accepted in full.

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#### **Albert** Martin seeks £3.9m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

ALBERT Martin Holdings, the clothing manufacturer, is calling on shareholders for £3.9 million of fresh funds through a one-for-three rights issue of 5.96 million new shares, at 70p a share. The proceeds from the issue will be used to fund current projects in the United Kingdom and overseas, to reduce borrowings and strengthen the group's capital base. The Nottingham-based

company, which supplies underwear and knitwear to Marks and Spencer, also unveiled a 16.4 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £2.38 million in the year to end-December, despite difficult trading conditions. Turnover edged up 2 per cent to £80 million, with overseas the support up 20 per cent to turnover up 20 per cent to E16.9 million

Michael Kidd, chief executive, said: "Looking to the future, I am confident that the board's strategy of ex-panding overseas while work-ing to achieve an improve-ment in the return from United Kingdom operations will continue to

The final dividend is raised to 2.7p, against 2.6p lest time, giving shareholders an increased total of 4.4p for the year, up from 4.2p previously. There was an extraordinary charge of £1.22 million, relating to costs of the group's withdrawal from some Uni-ted Kingdom activities. Earnings climbed to 100 a share, against 9p a share last

#### - BUSINESS ROUNDUP Hammerson bond issue raises £100m

HAMMERSON, Britain's third-biggest property company. has joined the rush to tap the buoyant post-election sterling bond market. It is the fifth UK company to issue since John Major and Land Majo

bond market. It is the fifth UK company to issue since John Major was returned to power. The deal is a further £100 million tranche of an existing £100 million unsecured bond, maturing in 2013. The bonds yield 11.25 per cent.

James Riddell, finance director, said: "This financing provides us with additional fixed-rate funds at an attractive rate, at the same time further lengthening the maturity of Hammerson's debt profile." The lead manager to the issue was NatWest Capital Markets and co-lead manager, UBS Phillips & Drew Securities. The issue follows corporate steffing honds from P&O. John Lewis and BAA this week sterling bonds from P&O. John Lewis and BAA this week and from Cable & Wireless last week. Further issues are expected while foreign interest in sterling bonds remains

**Burns-Anderson dips** 

BURNS-ANDERSON, a recruitment and financial BURNS-ANDERSON, a recruitment and financial services group, made a pre-tax loss of £2.74 million in the year to December 31. That compares with a £1.97 million loss in the previous 15 months. Turnover, affected by disposals, fell to £64.7 million (£98 million). Costs of restructuring, disposals and rationalisation led to exceptional and extraordinary charges totalling £3.97 million. Interest costs were trimmed to £1.71 million, against £2.34 million less time. There is again no dividend.

Bad debts dog Cradley

EXCEPTIONAL bad debt provisions of £435,000 held back
first-half profits at Cradley, a lithographic printer. The pretax figure fell to £487,000 in the six months to December
31. against £710,000 last time. Sales declined by 5.2 per
cent to £13.7 million, after fierce price-cutting. Earnings
slipped to Ip a share, against 1.4p a share last time. As
usual, there is no interin dividend. Cradley said the
publishing sector remained flat. Bad and doubtful debts
reflected the Maxwell debacle.

Quicks' profit returns

SHARES in Quicks Group, the motor distributor, jumped 22p to 90p as the group reported a swing back into pre-tax profit, albeit of only £58,000, in 1991 from losses of £896,000 last time and a maintained dividend. Quicks is paying a 2p final making a 3p total, equivalent to the 1990 payment but half that paid in 1989. Norman Quick, the chairman, said that after stripping out losses from Trafford Vehicle Leasing, now closed, continuing businesses saw only a 4 per cent reduction in profits to £1.20 million.

ing a multiple of 21.6 times subsidiary of Robert Bosch, a 1991 earnings per share. 'robust", even at lower oil of technical change and the privately owned company Bosch has already received prices. There is no dividend acceptance of shareholders THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE Bul Offer +/-

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# LET slides to loss in property slump

By Neil Bennett

LONDON & Edinburgh Trust, the property group, crashed to a loss of £138 million (£35.1 profit) last year owing to the collapse in the value of its property portfolio. The group now plans to sell up to £250 million of its property portfolio over two years to rebalance the portfolio of SPP, its Swedish parent.

The plunge in LET's fig-ures forced SPP, an insurance and pensions group, to inject a further £439 million in new capital and subordinated loans into the company. LET's operations are now being reorganised and it is selling all its overseas investments to SPP LET International, a new subsidiary of SPP in Brussels.

Peter Beckwith, LET's chairman, said the results reflected the severe deteriora-

DWYER, a London-based

property company, that has

its shares quoted on the Irish

stock exchange, has an-

nounced a capital reconstruc-

The aim is to reduce gear-

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The proposals mean hold-ers of the company's convert-

ible preference shares would

swap these for ordinary

shares on a one-for-one basis.

preference shares has been

suspended since last October,

after property write-downs eliminated Dwyer's distrib-

The company said the cu-

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Dwyer plans share

swap to cut gearing

By Jonathan Prynn

tion in the property market. "I anticipate 1992 being a year of consolidation but look forward to resuming our normal growth pattern in the years beyond," he said.

Most of LET's loss was caused by a £121 million write-down on the value of its development portfolio, which includes the Bull Ring in Birmingham and a 33 per cent stake in Spitalfields, the former London fruit market.

LET also suffered a 10 per cent fall in the value of its investment portfolio which reduced its reserves by £60.5 million. During the year however the group continued to buy property, and transferred development properties into its investment portfolio.

Overall, the value of LET's investment portfolio rose by 18 per cent to £661 million

Dwyer intends to apply to

an Irish court for approval to

eliminate the deficit on the

profit and loss account, in

order to restore distributable

The reorganisation would

reduce gearing from 400 per

cent to 175 per cent and pro-

forma net assets per share

from 120p to 110p.
The company has received

support for the proposals from the holders of 35 per

cent of the ordinary shares

and from 10 per cent of the

Dwyer ordinary shares yes-

terday fell by 8p to 40p; the

preference shares rose by 2p

to 36p, reaching 44p at one

preference shares.

during the year, and remal income increased by 38 per cent to £49.8 million, although Nick Sheehan, joint managing director described lettings as "patchy". Shareholders' funds fell by

40 per cent to £250 million despite SPP's injection of £71 million in new capital. Debts have soared to £735 million (£496 million), including £414 million in subordinated loans from SPP. Mr Sheehan said that SPP

plans to concentrate on its investments in continental Europe and wants to reduce its British exposure. He said the group plans to reduce its British portfolio by a third to around £500 million, or 40 per cent of its worldwide property holdings. "The important thing is that SPP is a long-term investor as a pen-sion fund tends to be," he

Mr Sheehan said that LET will also sell its non-property interests which include Owen Owen, the retail chain, financial services and health clubs. All these have been grouped into one company called LET Ventures. "We will sell in due course but the timing fortu-nately belongs to us," he said. ous joint venture acitivities with London & Edinburgh Trust in a move that pumps

E18.2 million into the Lilley balance sheet, which also benefits from the £3.8 million sale of housing land in north-west England, and the £3.1 million disposal of a stake in New Hong Kong Tunnel.
Details of the various deals accompanied results for the year 1991, which showed a E5 million pre-tax loss after a £12 million exceptional provision relating to a writedown of the



Expanding despite decline: Michael Thompson, of Friendly Hotels, which has acquired two more sites

#### Friendly Hotels suffers profit setback

By MARTIN WALLER

THE effects of the Gulf war and the recession in the hotels trade sent pre-tax prof-its at Friendly Hotels, owner of London's New Con-naught Rooms, back to £3.89 million in 1991, against £6.01 million in 1990. It was the first profits setback since 1986. However, a 3.3p final divi-

5p to 5.5p because of signs in recent weeks that the company was approaching an upturn in business, Henry Edwards, the chairman, said. Earnings per share, fully diluted, slumped from 25.3p to 15.5p. Mr Edwards said: "The

early part of the year was adversely affected by the Gulf war and other external factors, and while turnover recovered rapidly for a time, this improvement was not maintained." Last year, therefore, the effects of the nursing home operations, giving rise to an extraordinary profit of £1.95 million. recession could not be overcome, and trading in the Michael Thompson, man-

early part of this year had remained difficult. Friendly Hotels' market share had, aging director, said Friendly Hotels had bought two freehold sites near Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Cardiff, which would however, been maintained, Turnover fell 8 per cent to provide two hotels totalling almost 200 rooms to be £28.7 million. The group de-

#### Peugeot reduces payout

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

PEUGEOT suffered a 40 per cent drop in profit last year because of the slump in the European car market. The company yesterday an-nounced a dividend cut of three frames to Fr 13 after reporting net attributable profits of Fr 5.53 billion. down from Fr 9.26 billion in

Sales of its Peugeot and Citroën marques fell by 6.2 per cent to 2.06 million

Peugeot retained its position as Europe's third-largest carmaker, behind Volkswagen and Fiat, but its European market share slipped from 12.7 per cent to 12.1 per cent during the year. It remains, however, one of Europe's most profitable car manufacturers; net profits amounted to 3.5 per cent of

Turnover was static at about Fr 100 billion, but the figures suggest an upward trend during the year, which saw the launches of two models: the Citroen ZX and the Peugeot 106.

Jacques Calvet, chairman, said the profits fall resulted from the costs of the model launches. He predicted that the European car market would shrink further this year, by about 1 per cent. before recovering in 1993, Peugeot's turnover, he said. would rise by 7 to 8 per cent this year.

#### preference dividend entitlecided last year to concen-trate on hotels and sell its open next year. The shares rose op to 190p. ment might enable the comdend raises the total from Lilley, the Glasgow-based parry "to resume the payment building and construction of dividend earlier than group, has unwound its variwould otherwise be the case". Fitch-RS implements a design for recovery

BY MATTHEW BOND

FITCH-RS, the design group, moved back into the black in the second half of 1991, after reporting a £680,000 loss at the interim stage. The pre-tax loss for the year was £417,000. In 1990, the company made a profit of £51,000.

Although turnover fell by a fifth to £18.1 million, operatgroup's land bank. In 1990. ing profits doubled to £1.6 million, as the cost-saving there was a £14.1 million profit. The final dividend is cut to 1.0p (1.5p), making a total of 2p (2.5p) for the year. programme launched by Martin Beck, who became group chief executive last year, began to take effect. Mr Beck was formerly the president of Richardson-Smith, Fitch's American subsidiary. The cost of that pro-

gramme, some £483,000 of redundancy expenses, have been included in the £1.2 million exceptional item that led to the pre-tax loss. The company has spent more than £1.1 million on carrying through redundancies in the past two years.

Rodney Fitch, chairman, pointed out that the exceptional charge masked a second half pre-tax profit of £258,000. "At the operating profit level," he said, "I am

satisfied that the company's performance points to the effectiveness of the restructuring and marketing measures we have taken."

The balance of the exceptional item comes from the E699,000 of rent paid on the group's former headquarters in Soho, which has proved difficult to relet since Fitch moved to its new offices in King's Cross.

That building cost £13.6 million to build but its value was written down to £7 million in the 1990 accounts and now stands at around £6.5

ciated with the move are still hurting the company, with net interest going from £7,000 receivable in 1990 to E853,000 payable last year.

Reducing net borrowings of £7.5 million and gearing of 260 per cent was the company's top priority. Mr Fitch said. A sale and leaseback deal on the King's Cross building remained the most likely way of achieving that objective.

Mr Fitch said the centre of gravity of the group's business was shifting away from Britain. Overseas markets now accounted for three fifths of fee income and continental Europe was performing particularly well.

However, the flow of business in the London office had improved in the second half. New projects had been un-dertaken for Woolworths, Boots, Warner Lambert and BT. The positive trend in the second half of last year has continued in the first half of this year.'

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# Hunting retreats from line of defence

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HUNTING, the aviation and defence group, boasted after its June 1989 corporate reshuffle that it had become a beta rather than a gamma stock with a market capitalisation of £200 million.

Ken Miller, chief executive, points out that at that time the Berlin wall was still standing, east-west tension was still prickly, and defence interests contributed 25 per cent of Hunting's profits.

Now, market capitalis-ation is around £126 million, profits from oil and technology, and from aviation activities, push profits from defence interests into third place, and Hunting - after a 1991 exceptional £6.2 million charge — reports pre-tax profits of £21.1 million, down from £38.5 million.

Perhaps this year Hunting will deliver the long heralded any real profits progress will come from oil and technol-ogy, which will have the advantage of having trav-elled from depressed levels.

Defence, though busy on the new products and markets fronts, and despite a current order book of £323 million, compared with 1991 sales of £162 million, may not make that much profits headway. Aviation profits cannot be expected to become much fatter until the recession has fully run its course, but oil and technology interests will benefit from loss elimination.

Meanwhile, shareholders' funds are down from £115 million to £108 million, gear-ing is now 58 per cent against 42 per cent, and after a maintained 10p a share dividend paid from net basic earnings of 10.2p a share.



New directions: Ken Miller has seen Hunting's defence interests decline since the Berlin wall came down

restoration of cover must be

a priority. Year-end profit hopes can more genuinely be measured once the interim report is to hand. Meanwhile, the maintained 10p a share dividend gives the shares, at 176p, up 8p, a not unattractive yield of

Lilley

BY ITS own admission, Lilley has adjusted late to the bleaker conditions now prevailing in the property market. Doubts persist as to whether yesterday's parcel of measures will prove adequate; that was reflected in the share price, which rose,

relapsed and closed at 30p.

Unscrambling the various joint venture deals with London & Edinburgh Trust is evidently a healthy move, leaving the balance sheets. cleaner and more flexible. While off-balance sheet gearing halves to 23 per cent, however, group borrowings emerge unchanged, at

Group gearing, therefore, is still 31 per cent. For a housing and construction group, the situation could be much worse, and indeed was. Before Lilley's Spanish partners, Cubiertas and Entre-canales, took a 21.5 per cent

pound for pound.

The £12 million exceptional writedown on the p & l account has left Lilley with a pre-tax loss for the year of £5 million. This, however, together with inevitable problems experienced in housing and property development, disguises what appears to have been a resilient performance in contracting.

Confidence based on a bigger construction order book than a year ago, and the Spaniards' underpinning of the share price — their 51 p a share was a 10p premium at the time — persuaded the

debt matched equity almost cut. The payout was 2p against 2.5p.
Lilley has no significant

overseas business to com-pensate for recession in the UK, but its specialisation in road, rail, water and hospital construction projects might enable it to recover faster than most. With luck, it will cover an unchanged dividend this year. A prospective p/e of 12 or so is not so demanding. The shares have me-dium-term possibilities.

Ibstock

IF TARMAC claims to be the wounded iton of the building materials sector, Ibstock Johnsen describes itself as making whatever the economic climate may bring.

Ibstock is, like the rest of the industry, complaining of testing times, with current over-capacity in Britain of, perhaps, 1.3 billion bricks a year. The British brick inyear. The British brick interests again contributed most of the profits, although slipping to £9.8 million from £22.3 million last time; margins fell from 27 to 15 per cent and prices by 12 per cent, but Ibstock slightly increased market share.

The American brick business improved sharply on last time, almost breaking even after 1990's losses of £4.96 million. The worst swing in percentage terms came from the Portuguese forest products operations, a commodities business with heavy vulnerability to pulp prices, where profits of £8.18 million last time turned round into losses of £1.38

Ibstock held the dividend fostock held the divident for 1991, as promised in the rights issue, despite pre-tax profits falling from £23.6 million to £10.6 million, but a cut this time looks in-evitable. This would kick away the support of a 9.5 per cent historic yield.

Mark Stockdale, at Warburg, is looking for just £7.5 million for this year, a pessimistic view that puts the shares on 48 times' 1992 earnings. That kind of multiple can only be justified by imminent takeover, unlikely given the lack of players in Britain with the necessary muscle that would not run

STOCK MARKET

#### KIO sells most of its Midland Bank stake

THE Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) finally sold the bulk of its holding in the Midland Bank, now a takeover target, on the open market after making several attempts.
The 60 million shares, or

7.7 per cent, were placed by Hoare Govett, the broker, with a number of institutions at 356p each, a discount of 47p on the all-paper offer of 403p from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. A large number of the shares are believed to have been sold to American fund managers.

An attempt by Hoare to find a home for the shares failed after the institutions decided that the offer price of 302p did not contain a large enough discount to the terms. The KIO still holds 2.3 per cent stake of the Midland. which ended 2p cheaper at 362p as more than 121 million shares changed hands. It remains unclear why the KIO

has decided to sell its shares in the market rather than accept the terms from HSBC Holdings, the parent of the Hongkong Bank. One theory is that it was unhappy with the offer of new shares and bonds. Another is that the offer did not fit in with its stringent investment policies.

Either way, it looks as if the KIO has virtually ruled out a counter offer from Lloyds, down 9p at 393p. It remains to be seen if other the institutions will be willing to accept the terms from HSBC. Meanwhile, investors made

an early assault on the market's all-time high in the wake of another record-breaking run overnight on Wall Street. However, this soon ran out of steam with the FT-SE 100 index squandering an early 33-point lead and coming within 6.2 points of its alftime peak. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.6 points down

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MAJOR INDICES

were undaunted and described it as a creditable performance - prices have surged by more than 10 per cent since the election.

investors appeared to be more than happy to take profits and square-up their posit-

ions before the Easter holl-

at 2,638.6. However, brokers day. Profit-taking left government securities with losses of about £4 at the longer end. ICI saw an early lead

frittered away to finish the day 2p lighter at £13.45 amid fears that Hanson will use the market's strength to dispose of its 2.8 per cent holding. BAT (ndustries rose 9p to

745p after announcing plans to sell its Eagle Star operation in Australia to QBE Insurance for £130 million. A buy recommendation

from Warburg Securities, the broker, lifted Tate & Lyle out of the doldrums with a rise of 16p to 421p. Tate has been the subject of a number of -profit downgradings recently with analysis worried about its exposure to the world's commodity markets. However, there has now been a change of heart and it seems the City is happy with the group's international spread and expects it to benefit from the revival in America where a large part of its profits come

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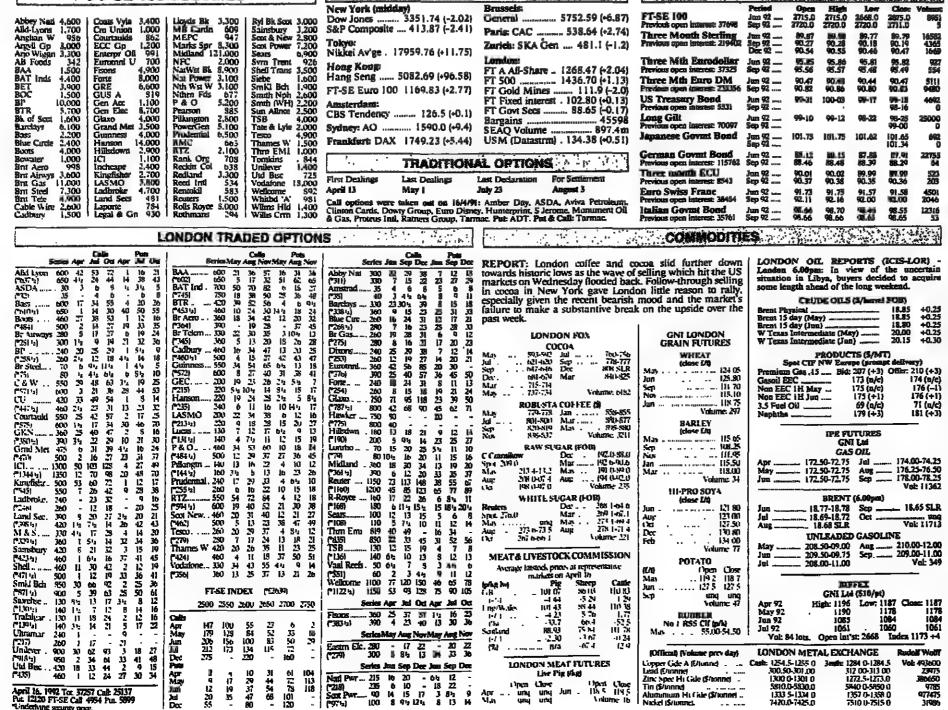
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Merck, the American pharmaceuticals group, hit the drug companies. Giano was worst hit, falling 24p to 788p. There were also losses in SmithKline Beecham, 18p to 872p, and Wellcome, 5p to £11.23. But Fisons advanced 15p to 384p before next week's visit by the American Food and Drug Administration to its production

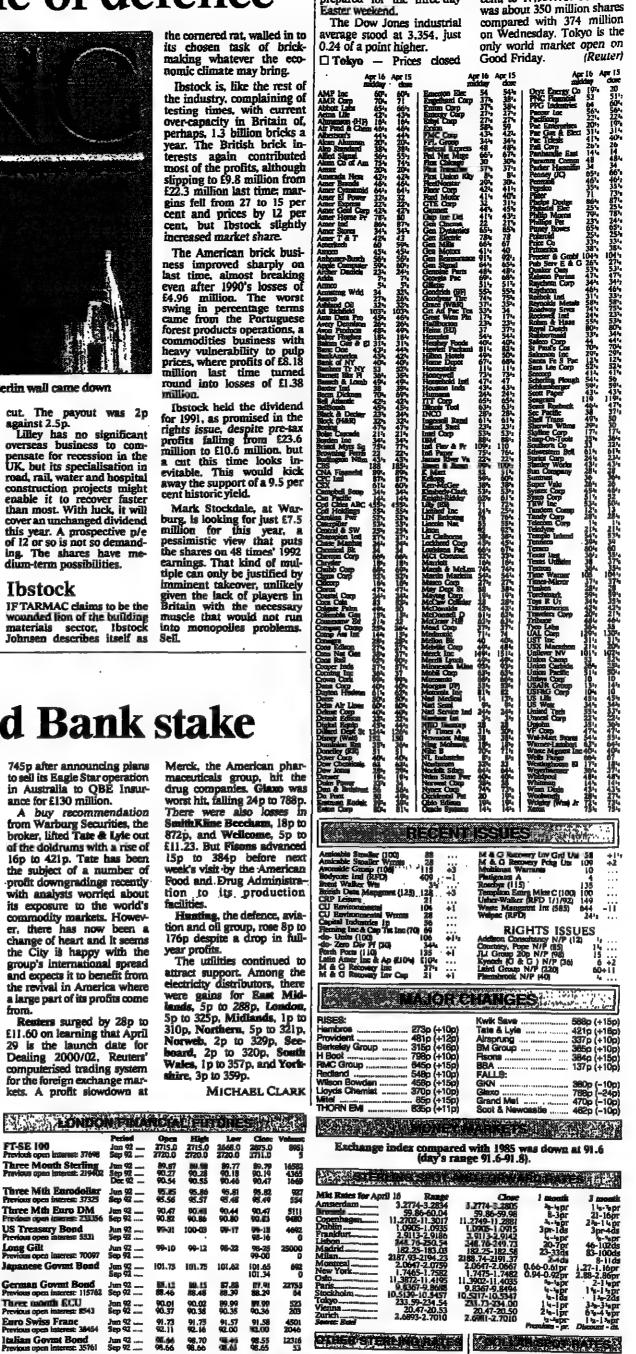
Hunting, the defence, aviation and oil group, rose 8p to 176p despite a drop in fullyear profits.

The utilities continued to attract support. Among the electricity distributors, there were gains for East Midlands, 5p to 288p, London, 5p to 325p, Midlands, 1p to 310p, Northern, 5p to 321p, Norweb, 2p to 329p, See-beard, 2p to 320p, South Wales, 1p to 357p, and Yorkshire, 3p to 359p.

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## Relief at last for Lloyd's

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avid Coleridge and his colleagues on the council of Lloyd's of London must be breathing a deep sigh of relief this Easter. So should those names who have any interest in the future of Lloyd's. The 800 who banded together under the banner of solicitor Michael Freeman, to stop Lloyd's calling for money to pay the losses of syndicates whose management is under dispute, feel greatly aggrieved. They feel they were being asked to find money they may not have, to pay liabilities that might eventually not fall on them if systematic mainractice or negligence were found in some of the syndicates involved.

They were, however, playing a dangerous game. The possibility that names might, by extension, withhold cash calls of £200 million needed to cover claims, was a threat to the financial standing of Lloyd's and even more to its reputation as an insurer. Business is already suffering abroad. Lloyd's insistence that names involved should pay now and sue later may not be an edifying principle but it is essential to the integrity of the market. Amid dreadful losses, Lloyd's underlying business of insurance has taken a back seat in the disputes

between the various interest groups involved in the market. All the proposals and arguments over reform would be pointless, however, if the insurance business itself were badly hurt. The most immediate threat now appears to have been lifted. If that proves correct, the next landmark for the names involved in the seven worst excess of loss syndicates will be the inquiry headed by Sir David Walker. He needs to take a tough line on anything that he would consider malpractice in his role as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board. After that, litigation can be put in some perspective and Lloyd's can plan to rebuild confidence for the future by taking the big decisions over the status of names and the implications for the structure of the market.

#### Power fault

egulation of utilities has given a perverse twist to what most people think competi-tion is for. Big industrial users will have to pay more for their electricity than they would under free market forces in order to ensure fair competition and free entry to new suppliers. The latest ruling from Offer, the electricity supply regulator, is designed to bolster its principle of non-discriminatory pricing. On the face of it, out-lawing offers of bulk electricity cheaper to one customer than to similar customers looks sensible. In practice, it stops deals with the likes of ICI at a lower bulk price than a generator's main sales to general distribution companies.

In policing a dispute between National Power. the biggest generator, and London Electricity, a privatised distributor, Offer ruled in favour of National Power on the case in point but has insisted on new structures to prevent such disputes arising in future. National Power will have to treat its direct sales to commercial customers as a business separate from generating, that must be free of cross-subsidy. It cannot therefore discriminate in price between sales to its captive supply company and outside supply companies, such as London Electricity. The privatised regime, which separates generation and supply, and will presumably extend that principle to generation by the distributors, therefore removes most of the natural market power of big users, putting them at a disadvantage against many foreign competitors. There is plenty of scope for subtle competition in energy packages tailored to individual customers. For big users, however, competition means higher bulk electricity prices.

a disagreement in Budapest

Wolfgang Münchau detects a possible compromise in the row over Jacques Attali's

plans to help reform east European industry

ference of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in Budapest was supposed to be an ordinary working meeting. It turned into a public slanging match between Jacques Attali, the bank's ambitious sident, and Nicholas Brady, the president, and Nicholas Brady, me US Treasury secretary, who quickly established himself as its most outspoken shareholder.

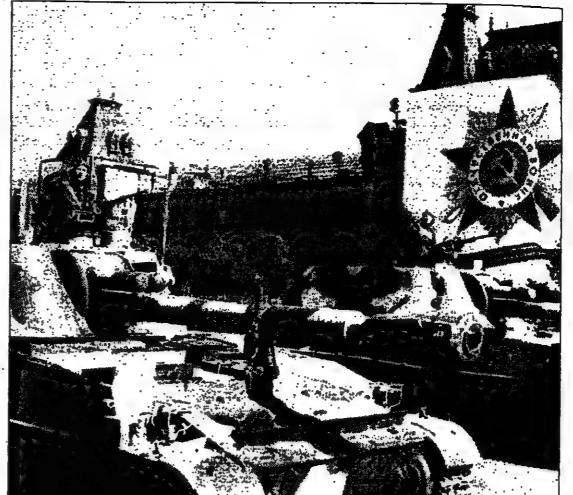
The unexpected public sparring between these two insiders was itself only a shadow of the conversations that went on in private. These were described as frank and fruitful, and anybody familiar with the language of diplomacy would guess what took place at Budapest was nothing less than a blazing row.

The dispute was about a proposal by M. Attali to allow the European Bank to widen its responsibilities, by allowing it to grant generous low-interest loans or place high-risk capital into projects that would have no hope of attracting commercial fi-nance. The creation of a Special Restructuring Facility would be a significant departure from present policy, under which the European Bank is allowed to make funds available only on commercial terms. It strikes at the heart of the controversy on economic reform.

Several eastern European privatisation agencies, such as Germany's Treuhand, have already had to face up to this very issue: that many companies and industries cannot be privatised in the short term. The question is whether these industries should be left to perish. The industries in question are steel, shipbuilding, energy and defence manufacturing. Together, they represent a large part of total economic activity. Russia's defence industry alone, for instance, employs 12 million. Some industries, such as power generation, cannot realistically be closed without replacement.

Mr Brady is no friend of such an approach and wants the European Bank to focus on privatisation. His message to the bank was to concentrate on selling assets, because the only hope for successful transition to a market economy lies in the devnent of a dealthy ditivate sector. What is unsaleable simply has to go. and the faster the better. Others, including Britain, have taken a similar view, although not nearly as vociferously.

In the end, M Attali failed to get approval for the facility, but obained a mandate to investigate its feasibility. On the face of it, this is a typically diplomatic fudge — in case of disagreement, postpone a deci-



EUROPEAN VIEW

Western self-interest can solve

Tanks into tractors: reforming Russia's defence industry could serve the West's strategic aims

sion and set up a committee. But M Attali may draw some comfort. There are signs that that such a soft finance facility might be allowed after all, if not on anything like the scale he envisaged, and only with some financial ingenuity.

The man who looked like emerging as peacemaker in this row was Theo Waigel, Germany's arch-con-servative finance minister. Herr Waigel has this week taken over as chairman of bank's governing board, yet he is an unusual ally to M Attali. Germany may have supported the bank in public, but officials had never really warmed to the idea of a London-based institution, run by a Frenchman with an American deputy. Reforming the East is an area where the Germans regard

Herr Waigel's domestic difficulties might yet play into M Attali's hands. Germany is the largest donor to the CIS countries, but its domestic budgetary constraints make any ly impossible. For Herr Waigel, the European Bank is a way to share the burden. At the same time, Germany has a profound interest in a peaceful political and economic reform in

eastern Europe, more so than any-body else, because its industry stands most to gain from progress in what it considers its own backyard.

Germany also stands to lose most if the reform process falters. Its existing investments would turn sour and the country could be swamped with immigrants, most of German ethnic origin. Herr Waigel's ministry is also in charge of the Treuhand privatisation agency and aware of the limitations and political pitfalls of the fast-track privatisation process Mr Brady proposed in Bu-dapest, in a speech written at a safe distance from eastern Europe and its nuclear powder kegs.

n Budapest, Herr Waigel outlined the contours of a comprorestructuring facility could be set up for special and tightly defined purposes, such as the revamping of eastern Europe's dangerous nuclear power stations, 16 of which are considered acutely dangerous. Herr Waigel's stance may not be unconnected with the prospect that a German company, Siemens' power generation arm, could be the largest beneficiary. Germans would also be among those most at risk from a nuclear accident.

Others may have different priorities. Some would like to see restructuring programmes not for special sectors, but for the poorest countries, such as Albania. Political support for a reconstruction facility would in any case not extend to all the sectors in trouble. These include industries, notably steel and shipbuilding, in which western Europe faces its own difficulties. The conversion or orderly dismantling of Russia's defence industry, and especially some of the tanks-into-tractor schemes, would be most expensive, but could be a desirable western defence objective.

No single international institution can achieve the task of restructuring itself, even though the word its official name. Herr Waigel's point is that some sectors may be worthy of special non-commercial forms of finance, if this was merited on grounds of western interests.

The American administration is not likely to change its mind on this subject but might not be able to block such moves if the others want to go ahead. With 10 per cent of the European Bank's equity, Washington is the largest shareholder, but the decision to set up a facility would only require a two-thirds majority.

Nor would America necessarily need to contribute to such a facility. Under its founding statute, the European Bank can set up special funds, whose relative contributions do not have to match the shareholdings of its members. Such a fund could be based on a similar capital structure to that of the bank, but on a smaller scale. Some capital would come in the form of government guarantees, some in cash.

On the back of these guarantees, the subsidiary fund could borrow from the money markets, while the size of the subscribed cash element would determine the discount at which loans can be passed on to eastern Europe: the more state cash. the softer the loan. This would be only one of several options, the main point being to ensure that such a facility would not interfere with the bank's main operations.

ven if the European Bank did spawn its own soft sinance arm, it would not miraculously solve eastern Europe's reconstruction problems. The countries of eastern Europe will have to carry the main responsibility for restructuring themselves, which means they have to get rid of surplus capacity and tolerate, in the short term, a rise in unemployment.

The chief criticism of M Attali is

over his clumsy handling of the affair. America complained it had not been properly consulted before the meeting and had only received a sketchy outline of the proposals. Even a sympathetic Mr Brady would not have been impressed.

The underlying issue of what to do with eastern Europe's 60 Chernobyl-type nuclear reactors has therefore not been resolved.

Much time was devoted at Budapest to the vexed issue of whether restructuring can best be achieved through privatisation, whether restructuring may be a precondition to privatisation, or whether restructuring may be allowed to go ahead even if there are no immediate prospects for privatisation. There is no simple answer to this question either. Most industries are best suited to the privatisation-first approach, but some may not be. That is where the controversy begins.

The inevitable question is whether the European Bank, still in its infancy, is the best institution to deal with this complicated matter. The task of reconstruction may be part of its statutory responsibilities, but there remains the acute danger that the Dank's ambidons might turn out to be greater than its capabilities. Promoting the private sector in the infrastructure of industry is alone a gigantic endeavour.

The lack of precedent for the kind Europe and the stark difference in ideology among western nations, let alone the objects of the bank's attentions, will ensure this week's dispute in Budapest will not be the last.

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#### Sotheby's names its price

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IT HAS long been said Christies were gentlemen, pretending to be auctioneers, while Sotheby's were auction-eers, pretending to be gen-tlemen. Now Sotheby's has abandoned any such pre-tence. Beleaguered Lloyd's names, who dread the post these days, will, by next week, have received a letter from Sotheby's offering to sell works of art on their behalf, so they can meet cash calls. The missive is being criticised as opportunistic, not least because its offer of free valuations plus an advance on estimated sale price is no dif-ferent to Sotheby's usual terms. In fact the advance offered in this instance, 35 per cent, is, if anything, conservative. According to industry sources, vendors are often paid up to 50 per cent in advance. Sotheby's director Simon Taylor, head of 18th century paintings, says, there has already been a huge response to the letter and names have not been offended. "Of course we weighed up the pros and cons of sending the letter but we thought we could tell names about our services in a sensitive way," he says. Part of that "sensitive" approach is a list of specialist contacts at the bottom of the letter, including Taylor. "We all have direct experience of people who have been through hard times," he says. The shoulder to cry on is,

presumably, free of charge. Casket case

FIND the right charity and you can travel the world. Julian Cooke, 28, an investment manager at Touche



"Chap bought a brick

to put in his cistern." Remnant has nurtured a secret desire to visit Madagascar ever since his father was posted there 20 years ago with the RAF and brought back a relief map of the island. Now he is taking a month off work to cycle from one end of the island to the other, a total of 1,400 miles. Casket, the bike company, is providing him with a mountain bike and after the deduction of £2,400 in costs. Cooke still hopes to raise more than £5,000 for Money for Madagascar, a charity that endeavours to save rain forests.

Kornered market IF THE world of headhunting sometimes seems like a merry-go-round, the recent activities of two of the UK's top headhunters, Ed Kelly and Paul Buchanan-Barrow, will do nothing to dispel that impression. First, Buchanan-Barrow, managing director of Goddard Kay Rogers, tried to headhunt Kelly, chief executive of Korn/Ferry International, but was unsuccessful. Then Kelly decided to turn

the tables and go after Buchanan-Barrow. Kelly was victorious and Buchanan-Barrow has joined Korn Ferry as managing partner. Does that make Kelly the better headhunter of the two? "Let's just say he found the right bait," says Buchanan-Barrow, carefully choosing

Wonder of Woolies

**CITY DIARY** 

PETER Hardy, one of the key figures behind the 1982 Patemoster buyout of Woolworths, is joining the Kingfisher board as a non-exec

his words.

utive director. The appointment coincides with his retirement in June, at the age of 53, as head of Warburg's investment bank. Hardy who was at that time a leading property broker at Rowe & Pitman, before its 1986 merger with Warburg, was utilised by the Woolworths buyout team because of his property expertise and was one of the few in the City who had faith in the £300 million venture - faith enough to buy shares himself. "It was the deal of the century," he says.
"Even if we couldn't turn it round, I knew we'd still have had one of the greatest property portfolios at a fraction of its asset value." With King-fisher now capitalised at £2.6 billion, his judgment has been vindicated, and his shares — "a couple of thou-sand pounds worth" — half of which he still holds, are worth 15 times what he paid. Hardy's eye for the property market has made him highly attractive to other long standing clients - including Land

CAROL LEONARD

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#### IoD opposes 'golden parachutes'

From the Director of Institute of Directors

Sir, In response to the invitation from your correspondent, Mr R.S. Fraser (Business letters, April 15) to set out the IoD's position on termination payments to di-rectors, we entirely agree with his view that failure merits no "golden goodbyes".

Of course directors are entitied to compensation for the balance of their contracts, but this should not mean that poor performance is rewarded with large termination

payments.

The key here is acceptance of the principle that no direc-

tract. This should be done by a committee of the board. having a majority of nonexcutive directors, who thould ensure that its terms are reasonable. In particular, they should see to it that the length of the contract is not such as to give rise to large claims for compensation in the event of termination.

In this connection, we would regard any contact of more than three years' duration as being excessive.

Yours faithfully, BLENYTH JENKINS. Director of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Directors. 116 Pall Mall, SW1.

#### Cost to UK of a minimum wage policy

From the director-general, Confederation of British

Sir, Wolfgang Münchau writes (Britain bargains 100 hard for the minimal effect of minimum wage, April 7) "as long as it is intelligently applied, a minimum wage regime does no great harm". If that were true, it would still be a telling argument for not proceeding. But it is not true, as the British Hospitality Association Survey (Letters April 9) has demonstrated.

Comparisons with the United States ignore the fact that in the world's leading economy, minimum wages are set typically closer to \$3.40 than £3.40. Comparisons with France fail to consider how effectively the SMIC is applied. Our members' experience indicates that few other countries are as diligent in applying social legislation as we are in this country.

That the direct costs in the UK would be in excess of £2.5 billion is not disputed: much of it would fall on firms highly

petition and hard hit by recestion, for example in textiles. Few can afford to raise prices or have greater scope for productivity and investment than their international competitors. Our estimate that a loss of 150,000 jobs would flow directly almost certainly understates the likely impact. Yours faithfully, SIR JOHN BANHAM, Director-general, CBI, Centre Point,

#### **Election winner**

New Oxford Street, WC1.

From Mrs V. Blaxter . Sir, Mr Bob Tyrrell, about whom you wrote in your Business Profile for Saturday. January 11, deserves much praise for both his accurate forecast for the date of the election and for the correct

Yours faithfully. V. BLAXTER, Oban, Argyll.

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#### Small businesses and the ending of CFCs

BY BRIAN COLLETT

CONCERN for small businesses is a key reason why Imperial Chemical Industries, one of Britain's largest companies, wants a national council for accelerating the phasing out of the production and use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). It is anxious to warn small businesses about the implications of the change. ICI hopes to set up the widely-based council this sum-

Mike Harris, ICI's regulatory affairs manager for fluorocarbons. says: "The users will have the problem. In number, they are dominated by small businesses. though not in volume."

The alternatives are expected initially to cost ten times as much as CFCs and eventually three or four times as much. Mr Harris says: "I cannot conceive that they

will ever be as cheap as CFCs." In addition, the equipment currently using CFCs, particularly in the cleaning, fire protection and refrigeration industries, will probably have to be converted to operate with the alternatives.

Mr Harris says: "We want to get the message out. The man with the van and two employees, who installs and services refrigeration units, will be affected. He has got to know there is a problem with CFCs. About a third of operators do not know there is a problem. He has got to know there are alternatives and he has got to

know how to use the new substances and find the money to pay for them. For a time he may have to stock the two types of refrigerants." Small businesses should prepare for the change early. They will probably pass on the extra ensts to clients and customers.

Mr Harris says: "Our greener friends tend to overlook all these practical issues."

ICI has closed some CFC producing plants, intends to reduce its CFC output by 85 per cent by the end of 1993 and will stop production completely in 1995, four years ahead of international



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BY DELLA MASON

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sales of £15,000 in its first year

and Miss Rawley is projecting

a particular conservatory. Miss

Rawley hopes to attract more at-

tention by exhibiting her exotic plants at the Hampton Court flow-

She believes much of her success is down to choosing plants that thrive in the conditions offered by

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The Rawley touch can bring

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LISA Rawley is a horticulturist. specialising in rare, exotic plants. Her business. Fleur de Lys, which is based in Kent, is thriving because of the boom in the past few years for adding a modern conservatory to homes. What is good for her business is a wide-spread lack of knowledge about

what to grow in a conservatory.

Miss Rawley said: "Most modern conservatories are arid places, with little humidity or shading. People were buying house plants and expecting them to flourish in these hot and dry conditions. In fact, the rate of failure and of loss was dramatic."

She started her business in the summer of 1990 on a shoestring at her home, Kemsdale House, Hernhill, near Faversham. After training at Writtle Agricultural College, Essex, she had worked as a horticultural consultant in the strawberry and soft fruits market for about three years. It was then that she decided to use her knowledge to exploit the market for exotic plants.

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Doing well: Lisa Rawley, a specialist in rare, exotic plants

THE retail, leisure and healthcare industries offer investors the chance of buying prospectively good businesses at bargain-base ment prices, according to Pinders, the nationwide business appraiser, which is based in Milton Keynes. Buckinghamshire. Pinders values about 8,000 businesses a year in these three sectors - mostly for banks and other lenders - and from these establishes current trends (Derek Harris writes).

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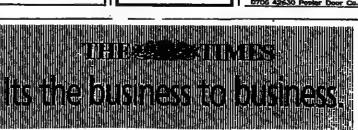
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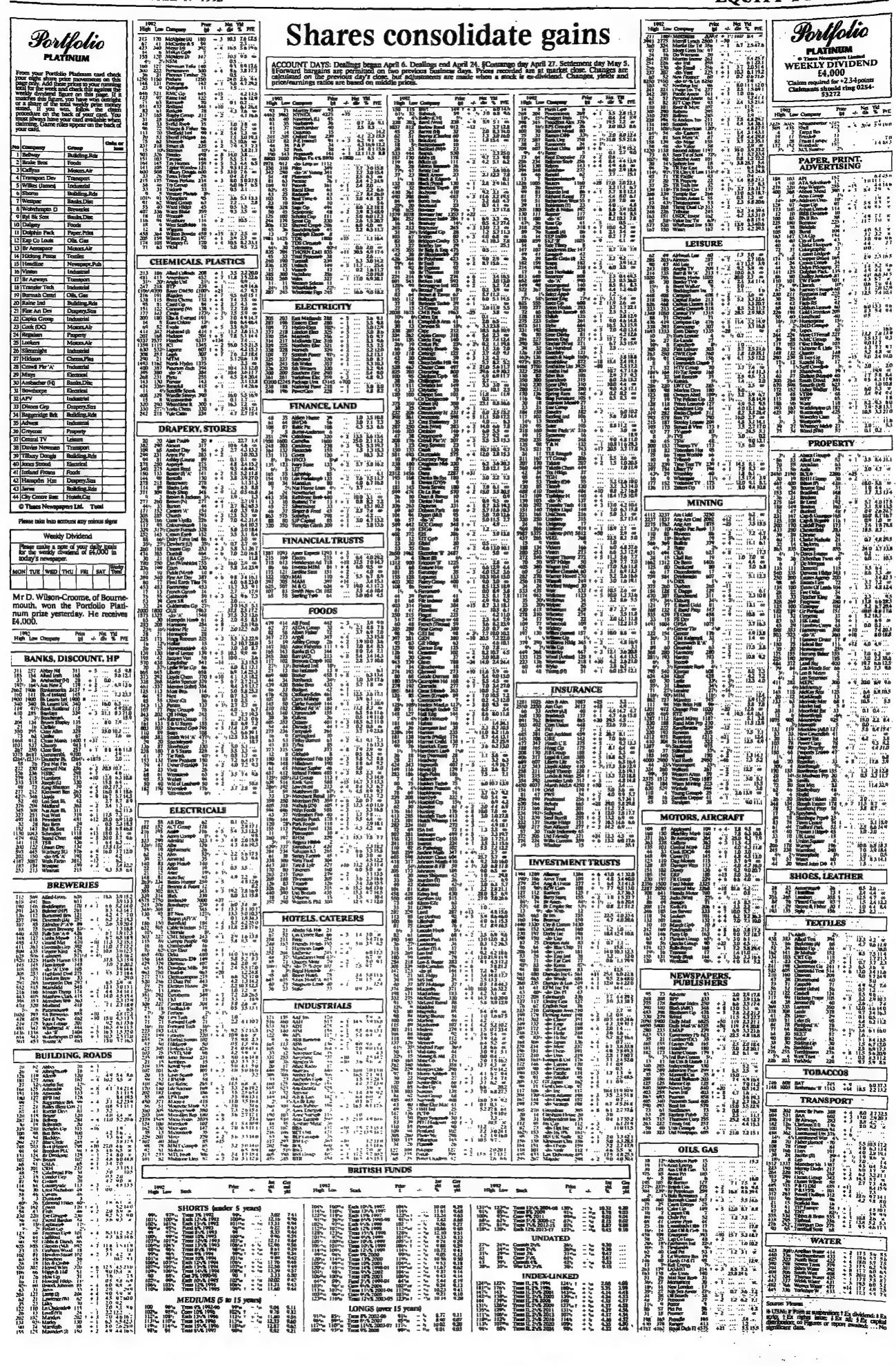
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1992 staff: C J Adams, K Barnett (capitain), S J Base, I R Bishop, P D Bowler, A M Brown, D G Cork, S C Goldsmith, F A Griffith, M Jean-Jacques, K M Krikken, B J M Maher, D E Malcolm, J E Morris, O Mortensen, T J G O'Genner, A Bishorden, B Maicom, J.E. Morns, O. Mortensen, T.J.G. O'Gorman, A. Richardson, P. E. Russell, R. W. Staddin, T. A. Tweats, A. E. Warner, P. Whitaker. Newcomers: Bishop (Trinidad, West Indies), Richardson, Tweats, Whitaker. Departures; M. Azharuddin (India), 1. Folley, E. McCray, B. Roberts, Z. A. Sadiq.

THIRD place in the championship last year might even have surprised Derbyshire Azharuddin's 2.000 runs will take some replacing, putting a lot of pressure on Morris to take responsibility and play some big innings, and Adams and O'Gorman discovery.

to develop from bit players into major supporting roles behind Barnett. Unusually though, for the

county where they used to whistle down the mineshaft for the next in an endless supply of strong, durable seam bowlers, there is a question about the pace attack. After his year's lay-off, Bishop has returned, but his fitness for the long slog has to be proved, and Malcolm broke down again in the West Indies after one impressive performance on the A tour, while Mortensen is approaching the stage where thought needs to replace speed and aggression. themselves. Expectations Player to watch: Dominic are high as a result, but Cork. Second seasons tend to be testing ones, but if bowlers fail to last the pace,

there will be a lot depending

on last year's outstanding

#### DURHAM

1991; NatWest Trophy: First 1992 staff: P Bainbridge, P J
Berry, D A Blenkiron, I T Botham,
M P Briers, G K Brown, S J E
Brown, J A Daley, A R Fothergill, J
Glendenan, D A Graveney
(captern), P W Henderson, S P
Hughes, B Hutton, D M Jones. W
Larkins, S M McEwan, P W G
Parker, C W Scott, I Smith, G
Wigham, J Wood. Newcomens:
Berry (Yorks), Botham (Worcs),
Graveney (Somerset), Hughes
(Middx), Jones (Victona, Australia), Larkins (Northants), McEwan
(Worcs), Parker (Sussex), Scott
(Notts), Smith (Glamorgan).

Botham's towering presence will dominate the first new county for 71 years, and if he is inspired by the challenge they could surprise one or two teams along the way. Geoff Cook has recruited a powerful batting line-up, and one to score its runs quickly, too, with the two players, Glendenen and Blenkiron, no slouches

in that department. On their day, Larkins, Parker and Botham should make them as attractive as any side in the competition. Bowling, on the slow Dur-

ham wickets, is another matter. The fast bowler, John Wood, may have his moments away from home, but Simon Hughes will probably get all the work he wants, and more and David Graveney, sometimes reluctaint to use his slow leftarmers when captaining Gloucestershire, will not be able to afford such reticence in the North East.

Player to watch: Darren Bienkiron. Well organised, and with an impressive temperament, a member of the England under-19 touring team last winter, he should be the first of Durham's batch of promising young



All-round force: Derek Pringle on the way to a century at Lord's yesterday

# 1991 Britannic Assurance 1991 Refuge Assurance

may be Northemptonshire by 7 runs; mparine bit Werwickshire by 9 wicks, set Hampshire bt Satrey by 4 skile. NSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-sis; Worcestershire bt Essex by 8 to; Lancashire bt Vortainire by 66 runs, al: Worcestershire bt Lancashire by 65

# County Championship: 9th (W5 L7 D10). Refuge Assurance League: 17th (W3 L12 N/R1). Benson and Hedges Cup: Quar-ter-finale. NatWest Trophy:

1992 staft: J.R. Ayling, A.N. Aymes, P.J. Bakker, C. A. Connor, R. M. F. Cox, D.P. J. Flint, D.I. Gower, K. D. James, M D Marshell, R J Maru, T C Middleton, R S M Morris, M C J Nicholas (co., R S M Morris, M C J Nicholas (captain), R J Parks, K J Shina, R A Smith, N R Taylor, V P Terry, M J Thursfield, T M fremiett, I J Turner, S D Udal, J R Wood. Newcomer: Morris, Departure: Aqib Javed (Peidrian), C L Smith Instituti

NO CHRIS Smith, but Tony Middleton could thrive with the greater oppending retirement might provide David Gower, eager to earn a Test recall and make the 34 runs to beat Boycott's England record, with much-needed motivation, so runs should not be a problem, although the

length of their tail was troubling on occasion last year. Malcolm Marshall, who

has retired from Test cricket and also been appointed vice-captain of the county, may not have the blistering speed of old, but he has few equals in cunning and control, and will still bowl a few sides out. The pace back-up is more problematic, unless Kevin Shine comes on dramatically, but if Turner or Udal develop to support Maru, the spin anack could prove profitable in a good summer. A useful one-day portunity, and rumour has it side, they may lack the that Micky Stewart's impenetration to do well in the championship.

> Udal. If he can translate last year's NatWest form into championship cricket, he could make an important

1991: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 6th (W6 L3 T1 D12). Refuge Assurance League: 10th (W6 L3 T1 N/R1). Benson and Hedges Cup: Quar-tar-finals. NatWest Trophy: 2nd

1992 staff: M.R. Benson (captain), G.R. Cowdrey, R.P. Davis, M.A. Ealham, R.M. Ellison, M.V. Fleming, D.P. Fulton, C.L. Hooper, A.P. Igglesden, G.J. Karsey, N.J. Long, J. Longley, M. J. McCague, S. A. Marsh, M.M. Patel, C. Penn, N.W. Preston, N.R. Taylor, T.R. Ward, T.N. Wren. Newcomer: Hooper (Guy-ara, West Indies). Departures: C.S. Cowdrey (Glemorgen), S. G. Hinks (Glouce), T.A. Merrick, M. Dobson, V.J. Weils, Leies), D.J. M. Kallanes, M.B. Hinson.

THE most important return at Canterbury is off the field, for another year as coach. He and Benson made an impressive team last year, but a lot will depend on Hooper, the West Indian Test all-rounder, who could prove an inspired signing.

The batting looks sound, if not spectacular, with Taylor and Benson a solid pair, and a lot will be expected from Trevor Ward. Fleming played with panache and Marsh has made great strides as wicketkeeperbataman. The pace attack looks de-

cidedly thin, however, with the departure of Merrick, who makes way for Hooper, and Igglesden will shoulder a heavy burden unless Ellison can recapture the inspiration of the days before his then, look as though they will have a lot of work to do.

Hooper. Capable of scoring a huge number of runs in the will be equally important if Kent are to repeat last year's

1991: Britannio Assurance County Championship: 1st (W11 L5 DS). Refuga Assurance League: Bih (W7 L4 T1 N/R4). Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-finals. NatWest Trophy: Quarier-finals.

1992 staff: S J W Andrew, D J P Boden, K A Butler, J H Childs, D M Cousins, N A Foster, A G J Fraser, M A Garnham, G A Gooch (captain), N Hussain, M C llott, N V Knight, J J B Lewis, W G Loves, P J Prichard, D R Pringle, A C Rich-ards, R J Rollina, D D J Robinson, Nadeem Shahid, J P Stephenson, Nadeem Shahid, J P Stephenson, P M Such L Tannant, T D Tonkey.

LAST year's champions are thereabouts again. But it is tempting to wonder whether Neil Foster, who is likely to captain the side often, can repeat his heroics of last season, and whether the spinners will continue to

after the back injury that threatened his career, to augment further the seam bowling department which is already strengthened by Stephenson's sudden emergence, and his admirers believe the off spinner, Such, can develop further. The return of Mark

so effective. Hott

Waugh means that the old formula of fast-scoring batsmen to give the bowlers time and large targets to bowl at is unchanging. Nasser runs, the left-hander, Nick Knight, made a huge impression last year and Nadeem Shahid should fulfil the promise of two years

Player to watch: John Stephenson. An establised batsman about to become an invaluable all-rounder?

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1991: Britannic Assurance
Courny Chempionship: 12th (WS
L6 D12), Refuge Assurance
League: 16th (W4 L10 N/R2).
Benson and Hedges Cup: Failed
to qualify for quarter-finals.
NattWest Trophy: Quarter-finals.
NattWest Trophy: Quarter-finals.
1992 staff: 3 R Benviok, 8
Beatlen, A R Butcher (capitain), P
A Cottey, C S Cowdrey, R D 8
Croft, A Dele, D J Foster, M Frost,
D L Hemp, 3 P James, S Kimon, M
P Maynard, C P Metson, H Morris, 1
V A Richards, A D Shew, 3 L
Watkin, Newcomers: Cowdrey
(Kent), Departures: G C Holmes
(retired), S J Dennis (retired), M J
Cann, I Smith (Durham), M Davies

VIV Richards, after missing last summer on tour with West Indies, returns and Chris Cowdrey arrives to give a powerful batting lineup. Richards has not played first-class cricket since that tour but his class should overcome this. They should

With Cowdrey concentrating, although not exclusively, on one-day cricket, they could do well in the NutWest Trophy or, with a bit of luck with the weather in the early stages, the Benson and

Hedges Cup.
The bowling, though, will determine how good a season they have. Watkin had a dreadful A-team tour of the Caribbean, but is a good bowler in English — and Welsh — conditions, and Foster is promising. Croft is probably the pick of young ment, and so they will be quite happy with slow turners to play on.

Player to watch: Robert Croft. Full of confidence, he had an impressive season last year, a good winter, and should establish himself as get plenty of runs, and with should establish himself as Maynard and Richards, the next England off could get them quickly. spinner.

1991: Britannic Assurance County Champtonahip: 13th (W5 L10 D7). Refuge Assurance Leegue: 13th (W5 L9 N/R2). Benson and Hedges Cup: Falled to qualify for quarier-finale. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. 1992 staff: M W Alleyne, C W J Athey, A M Babington, M C J Ball, M Davies, R J Dewson, J M De le Pens, M J Gerrard, TH C Hancook, S G Hinke, G D Hodgson, R Horrell, A J Hunt, D V Lewrence, R C Russell, R J Scott, A M Smith, J T C Vaughan, C A Walsh, R C Wilsame, R C J Williams, M G N Windows, A J Williams, M G N Windows, A J Williams, M G N Myrocomerat Davies (Glasmorgan). mentoment clevies (Glemorgan), Hinks (Kent), Dawson, Horrell, Yaughan, Windows, Waleh (Ja-maics, West Indies), Departures: J J E Hardy (retired), J W Lloyds, S N Bames, E T Milbum, D R Glibert (Australia).

COURTNEY Waish, one of the most wholehearted overseas fast bowlers of all, returns, but without David Lawrence he faces an even heavier workload than before, even if Justin Vaughan turns up trumps. Thereafter,

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the bowling is thin, unle the off spinner, Martyn Ball. can pick up from his promis-ing display as the end of

to give the fragile batting line-up a little more depth, but a lot will still depend on Athey and Wright, who contributed seven of Gloucestercenturies last season. Unless some of the young players the coach, Eddle Barlow, proclaimed as so promising before he returned to his vineyard come through, a season of struggle looks unavoidable.

Player to watch: Justin Vaughan. English-born left-hand batsman and medium-pace bowler who impressed for both Auckland in the domestic competition and the young New Zealand team last winter.

County Championehip: 8th (W6 L9 D7). - Refuge Assurance League: 2nd (W12 L3 N/R1); Refuge Assurance Cup: Runners-up. Benson and Hedges Cup: Runners-up. Harmes Tropher 2nd round. phy: 2nd round.

1992 stafft: P J W Allott, M A
Atherton. | D Austin. A A Barnett.
G Chappie, G Cordingley, J P
Crawley, P A J DeFreitan, N A
Derbyshire, N H Falsfrorther (cap-tain), J Fleiding, J D Fitton, S D
Fletcher, G Fowler, J E R Gattlen,
M Haryey, W K Hegg, R C Fran, G
D Lloyd, P J Martin, G D Mendis, D
K Morrison, M A Sharp, N J Speak,
J Stemperth, S P Tirchert M phy: 2nd round.

K Montson, M A Sharp, N J Speak, J Stanworth, S P Titcherd, M Watkinson, G Yales Newcomenu Barnett (Middx), Chappie, Cordingley, Fielding, Fletcher (Yorks), Harvey, Morrison (Auckland, Naw Zeeland). Departures: Wasim Akram (Pakistan), D P Hughes (retired), T E Jesty (retired), T M Orrell, M J P Ward. WHICH Lancashire will we see — the imperious machine of the first half of last season, or the undisciplined group of the second half? A

fidence for a testing first season as captain. There is a promising group of young players, supported by experi-ence from Fowler and Mendis. Graham Lloyd needs to develop, with Speak, Titchard and, at the end of term. John Crawley Danny Morrison's out-

all vying for a place. swing will win some championship matches, but may prove too uncontrolled for one-day competitions, and Martin will need to fulfil his promise if the pace attack is to be more than ordinary. Atherton bowling again would be an asset.

Player to watch: Alex Barnett. Filling the hitherto costly gap as left-arm slow, if his temperament matches his ability he could make top-heavy management structure may not help, but Lancashire contenders.

#### Officials hope for a closely fought world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield

# White is confident of winning world crown

BY PHIL YATES

THE Embassy world championship, which begins its 17-Theatre, Sheffield, tomorrow carries a record total prize fund of £850,000 and is of vital importance to the continued prosperity of the professional game. Coming at the end of a

season when snooker has taken its share of mostly unwarranted media criticism, the game needs to be the winner at Sheffield far more than any Even the most enthusiastic

supporter would agree that the general level of interest in tournament snooker is less than that of the mid-Eighties. Critics point out that a game played under uniform conditions — ie, on a 12ft by 6ft



table - has limited permutagument stands up to scrutiny. tions. The anti-snooker lobby bemoaning a dearth of characters and a saturated schedule — criticisms frequently levelled at other sports. This world championship can answer the criticism, at

least for a while, by producing a series of intriguing matches and, ideally, a close final. It would be the first since 1985. when Dennis Taylor became a household name by beating Steve Davis 18-17 on the final black before a record after-midnight television audience of 18.5 million. Such a climax would be

hard to repeat but David Harrison, nearing the end of his first year as chief executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), confesses that something similar would be "pure Dreamsville".

While Harrison is prepared to concede that a gripping final would benefit the game, he remains passionately opposed to those who claim snooker is in decline. "It is a total misconception, utter codswallop," he says. "There exists no evidence whatsoever

the most part. Harrison's ar-

Given that television coverage, and therefore viewing figures, are the game's linchpin, it would appear that, for

8,623,000 for the Benson and Hedges Masters final between Stephen Hendry and Mike Hallett last year was almost 900,000 higher than for the Wimbledon men's singles tennis final. and more than three million greater than the best viewing figures generated by the Open golf championship.

Only 944 spectators can watch any one session live at the intimate Crucible Theatre. However, 90 hours of coverage by the BBC will multiply the championship's exposure 5,000-fold to an average four million armchair enthusiasts.

Rick Waumsley, the pro-ducer in charge of BBC snooker, shares Harrison's optimism. "In my opinion. those who talk of a crisis are misinformed. Of the six networked finals so far this season, three have shown improved figures.

"That has got to be a positive sign, especially as it's now a more competitive arena than ever before. In terms of television, snooker is immeasurably more popular than sports such as rugby union.

golf and tennis." If a closely fought final, and the emergence of characters. are desirable attributes for the championship, then so is

SECOND ROUND QUARTER-FINALS SEMI-FINALS John Parrott (1) Eddie Chariton Tony Knowles (16) Mark Johnston-Alle Dennis Taylor (9) Mick Price Mike Hallett (8) Alan McManus Alain Robidoux (13) Nigel Bond Jimmy White (4) Tony Drago Steve Davis (3) Pater Ebdon Martin Clark (14) Peter Francisco Neal Foulds (6) Jason Fergus Stave James (7) Dene O'Kane Doug Mountjoy (10) Chris Small First round, second round and quarter-finals are best of 18 frames; semi-finals are best of 31 frames; final is best of 35 frames

a popular winner. Jimmy White, beaten three times in the final, would satisfy this criteria. There is a widespread admiration of White's panache and a wave of sympathy for him caused by his succession of near-misses.

Confidence has certainly

not been lacking in White's

aged by back-to-back vic-

preparation. Hugely encour-

tories in the British Open and much as I need to myself." European Open last month, White has recently been unable to disguise an unparalleled degree of self-belief.

Champion, £150,000; runner-up, £90,000; losing semi-finalists, £45,000; losing quarter-finalists, £22,500; 2nd round losers, £12,000;

1st round losers, £6,000. Highest break, £14,000.

Not known for brash statements or bold predictions, White has even said: "Unless I get a terrible illness or someone plays like God, I will win the championship. I think snooker needs me to win as timing in a much wider sense.

Either White is indulging more likely, he genuinely thinks this will be his year. He is renowned for his cue pow-

in mind games or, as seems er, an asset directly related to timing. Victory at Sheffield on May 4, at such an important stage in the game's development, would be perfect

#### Stephen Hendry

Stephen Hendry
Age: 23. Born: Edinburgh. World
ranking: 1. Provisional ranking: 1.
1961-2 prize-money: 2443,360. Best
world championship performance:
Winner 1990. Ranking tournament
wins: 13. Betting: 15-8 fav.
Although Hendry has not attained the
level of constatency that enabled him
to set a record of 36 unbeaten
matches in ranking events during the
1990-1 seeson, he remains the man to
beat. After a streaty mid-winter spell,
he has railied with a fourth successive
Benson and Hedges Masters triumph
at Wembley followed by victory at both
the Regal Weish Open and Benson
and Hedges Irish Masters.

John Parrott
Age: 27. Born: Liverpool. World ranking: 4. Provisional ranking: 4. Provisional ranking: 2. 1991-2 prize-money: £236.520. Best world champlonship performance-Winner 1991. Ranking tournament wire: 5. Betting: 5-1. Despite a fine start to the season, when he won the Dubai Classic and United Kingdom championship, Parrott has not encouraged optimism about his chances of becoming only the second player to successfully defend the world title at the Crucible Theatre. Although not the most enthusiastic in practice, he has prepared well and is quietly confident of another axtended run in the event.

Steve Davis

The dominance of the 1980e has long since disappeared but Davis — a winner of 87 per cent of his matches in winner of 87 per cent of his matches in the chariplonship, and at least a semi-finelist every year since 1983 — cannot be omitted from any shortlist of title contenders. Weaknesses in his long potting exist but consecritive ranking event wins during January, in the Marçantile Credit Clessic and Asian Open, did wonders for his confidence. Until then, he had been without a ranking win for 27 months. Jimmy White

Age: 29, Born: Tooting, south London, World ranking: 3. Provisional ranking: 4. 1991-2 prize-money: 252,120. Beet world championship performance: Runner-up 1984, 1990, 1991. Ranking tournament wins: 6. Betting: 4-1.

success, while would be favourite to and year of frustration in an event where he has been thwarted by an in-lorm opponent in three firels. White could hardly have wished for a better build-up. Lest month, he became only the fifth player to win back to back ranking titles by prevailing in both the British Open and European Open.

James Wattana

Age: 21. Born: Islington. World ranking: None. Provisional ranking: 68. 1991-2 prize-money: £7.250 Best world championship performance: None. Ranking tournament wins: Nil. Betting: 100-1.

What Ebdon, the world junior champion in 1990, lacks in experience is more than amply compensated for by raw talent, unerning potting and an unerseleable belief in his own ability. He has negotiated nine qualifying

He has negotiated nine qualifying rounds to figure in the final stages and



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# The Times county-by-county guide by Peter Ball

1991: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 18th (W3 LB D11). Refuge Assurance League: 14th (W5 L10 N/R1). Benson and Hedges Cup: Failed to qualify for quarter-finals. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. 1992 staff: W K M Benjamin, J D R Benson, T J Boon, N E Briers (captain), R A Cobb, M I Gidley, R P Gofton, C J Hawkes, P N Hepworth, D J Millins, A D Mullally, P A Nixon, G J Parsons, 1 F Plender, L Potter, A Roseberry, B J Smith, I Sutcliffe, V J Wells, J J Whitaker, P Whitticase. New-comers: Benjamin (Leeward Islands, West Indies), Wells (Kent), Gofton (Worcs), Sutcliffe. Departures: C C Lewis (Notts), J N Maguire (Australia), D R Martyn, L Ternant (Essex), C W Wilkinson, P Wiltertoon.

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WINSTON Benjamin replaces the workhorse Maguire as the overseas player, and will need to do a lot of bowling. With the financial stringencies leaving the new coach, Jackie Birkenshaw, with limited resources, the loss of Chris Lewis, who has

badly. It leaves Leicestershire thin on the ground, and they will do well to avoid the wooden spoon. The batting is experienced enough, with Briers, Boon and Whitaker, but, Whitaker apart, they will not score their runs quickly. Smith and Hepworth will have plenty of opportunity to build on last season, and their enthusiasm is an asset.

Benjamin will bring a bit more zest and pace to support Millns, and if Gordon Parsons can come back from the shoulder operation which restricted him last year, the seam bowling should be competitive. Spin offers little threat.

Player to watch: David Millns. Overwork seems unavoidable, but last season on occasion he looked the outstanding English prospect not been replaced, will be felt as an opening bowler.

#### PANE AND THE RESERVE OF THE SECOND SE

1991: Britannic Assurance Championship: 15th (W3, L9, D10). Rafuge Assurance League: 11th (W6, L9, N/R1). Benson and Hedges Cup: Failed to qualify for quarier-finals. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. 1992 staff: K R Brown, J D Carr, N G Cowens, J E Emburey, P Farbrace, A R C Frasar, M W Gatting (captein), Aftab Hebib, J C Harrison, D L Heynes, D W Headley, I J F Hutchirson, R L Johnson, M Keech, J C Pooley, T A Radford, M R Ramprakash, M A Roseberry, R J Sims, S A Sylvester, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell, D A Walker, P N Weekes, N F Williams. Newcomers: Carr, Herrison, Johnson, Walker. Departures: A A Barnett (Lance), P R Downton (retired), R M Ellicock (retired), S P Hughes (Durham).

Hughes (Durham).
MIDDLESEX, surely, cannot be as poor as they were last season. If everybody is fit they have the best bowling attack in the country, but, sadly, fitness may again

be a key concern for them.

Ellcock has retired and

much will depend on Fra-

ser's fitness to take some of

Cowans. Essex have shown the value of a balanced attack and Emburey and Tufnell are the best pair of spinners in the country. On flat four-day pitches, they could lead a serious challenge. Last year, in spite of

the weight off Williams and

Gatting's herculean efforts, the batting just did not score enough runs for them to bowl at. The return of Haynes will help considerably and Roseberry and Ramprakash should show the benefit of another year's experience.

Player to watch: Angus Fraser. He begins the season hoping his injury problems are behind him and, if he can have a full season, Middlesex, and presumably England, will benefit



Back in action: make or break for Angus Fraser

#### MATTER AND SOMERSED TO THE PARTY. 1991: Britannic Assurance MacLeay.

1891: STREAMNC ASSURANCE COUNTY Championahip: 17th (W2, L5, D15). Refuge Assurance Lasguer: 9th (W7, L7, N/R2). Benson and Hedges Cup: Falled to quality for quarter-finals. NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finals.

NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finels.

1992 staff: R J Bartlett, N D Burns, A R Caddick, A C Cottam, I Felcher, J C Hallett, R J Harden, A N Heyhurst, J Kerr, M N Lathwell, R P Lefebwe, N A Mailender, K H MacLey, Kelth Persons, Kevin Persons, A Payne, M F Robinson, G D Rose, R P Snell, C J Tavaré (ceptain), G T J Townsend, H R J Trump, R J Trumer, A P van Troost, G W White. Newcomers: Cottam, Kerr, Kotth Parsons, Kevin Persons, Payne, Robinson, Snell (Transvasi, South Africa), Departures: D Beel, M W Cleal, S J Cook (South Africa), D A Graveney (Durham), N J Pringle, P M Roebuck (retired), I G Swallow.

JIMMY Cook's departure leaves a huge gap and, with Peter Roebuck gone, too, the batting is not so much thin as approaching invisible, leaving much onus on the uncomplaining Tavare, Harden and Hayhurst, who is expected to open with

Last season, the bowling

lacked penetration, with injuries undermining a useful seam attack. This year, it should prove the main strength with Mallender, MacLeay and Lefebvre supplemented by the South Africa swing bowler, Richard Snell, another Dutchman, Adrianus van Troost, and great expectations placed on the England-qualified New Zealander, Andrew Caddick. Spin is thinner with Graveney's departure for Durham but Trump should get plenty of opportunity to maintain his

improvement last year. Player to watch: Andrew Caddick. Quick, he has been described as a Hadlee clone. Bad news for county bats-men if so, but will make Somerses a useful side on all

#### WARWICKSHIRE

1991: Britannic Assurance 1991: Britannie Assurence County Championship: 2nd (W11, L4, D7), Religion Assurance League: 5th (W8, L4, T1, N/R3) Benson and Hedges Gup: Quar-ter-finals. NetWest Trophy: Semi-

1992 staff: M Aarl Din, P A Booth, D R Brown, M Burns, A Donald, A F Giles, P C L Holloway, W G Khen, T A Lloyd (captain), A J Moles, T A Munton, D P Oatler, T L Penney, K J Piper, J D Ratcliffe, D A Reeve, G C Small, N M K Smith, P A Smith, R G Twose, B C Usher, G Walch, Newcomers: Giles, Penney Departures: J E Benjamin (Surrey), O S Chagar, C Charlesworth, S J Green (Northanis), A R K Pierson, G Smith, G I S Steer.

SO NEAR and yet so far last season, Warwickshire may slip back rather than taking the final step. The seam attack should ensure that they remain competitive, al-though much will depend on how the distinctly quick South African, Donald, reacts to a full and exciting

winter. Munton, who disappointed on the A team's tour of the Caribbean. Reeve. who had a good tour with the seniors, and Small should ensure that any decline in Donald's perfor-mance would not be felt too badly. But the spin bowling is less impressive and opposing counties are not likely to greet them with fast pitches.

The word last season was that their batting was not the stuff of champions. With Reeve having an outstanding year in the middle order. it proved good enough for most of the year, but the doubts remain.

Ostler. A hard-hitting batsman, who could claim a place in the A team if he continues the progress of last

#### Programme and the state of the

1991: Britannic Assurance County Champlonship: 5th (W8, L8, D8). Refuge Assurance League: 8th (W7, L7, N/R2). Benson and Hedges Cup: Felled to quality for quarter-finale. NatWest Trophy: Runners-up. 1992 staff: R1 Alikhen, P D Alitins, M Beinbridge, J E Benjamin, D J Bicknell, M P Bicknell, J Boiling, A D Brown, R E Bryson, M A Butcher, M A Fetthem, I A Gralg, A J Holloake, N M Kendrick, D Ligertwood, M A Lynch, K T Medlycott, A J Murphy, J D Robinson, N F Sargeant, A W Smith, A J Steward (ceptain), G P Thorpe, D M Ward. Newcomers: Beinbridge, Bonjamin (Warwicke), Bryson (Eastern Province, South Africa), Ligertwood, Departures: C K Bullan, N H Peters (nethrod), A G Robson (Sussex), Waqar Younis (Padstan).

ALEC Stewart begins his first season as captain with championship expectations at The Oval. That might be asking too much in the absence of Wagar Younis, with a lot depending on the fitness of Martin Bicknell

and the impact of Rudi

He claimed some impressive wickets in the winter and is quick, at least in his first spell, but there are doubts about his ability to come back, and he made little impression in the Lancashire League. The spin attack is an unknown quantity but Kendrick, or a rejuvenated Medlycott, could pose problems. There are less doubts about the batting. Darren

Bryson, the South African.

Bicknell, who already has a first-class century this season. Thorpe, Ward and the captain should ensure runs in abundance, and at speed. making them potentially a formidable one-day side. Player to watch: Alistair Brown. A big scorer in the 2nd XI last season, he has been nursed carefully. If he gets in, he might take a lot of shifting.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE

1991: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 7th (W11, L4, D7), Refuge Assurance League: 4th (W9, L4, T1, N/R2); Refuge Assurance Cup: Winners Banson and Hedges Cup: Win-ners. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round.

round:
1992 staff: S R Bevins, J R
Brinkley, T S Curtis (captain), G R
Dilley, D B D'Oliveira, G R Haynes,
G A Hick, R K Illingworth, S R
Lampitt, D A Leatherdale, T M
Moody, P A Neale, P J Newport, N
V Radford, S J Rhodes, A C
Seymour, R D Stemp, C M Tolley,
M J Weaton, W P C Weston, A
Wylle, Newcomers; Brinkley, Sev-M J Weston, W F C Weston, A Wylle. Newcomers: Brinkley, Seymour (Essex). Departures: 1 T Botham (Durham), P Bent, R P Gofton (Leics), S Herzberg, G J Lord, S M McEwan (Durham).

WITH no Botham and a new captain and coach in Tim Curtis and Kevin Lyons, Worcestershire are under new management after winning two trophies last season. Some old faces remain. Moody has nothing to prove but Hick may feel he needs to pile on the runs

for the county to make a point to the doubters. With Philip Weston or the recruit from Essex, Adam Seymour, to partner Curtis, who always batted as if he had the cares of captaincy on his shoulders, anvwav. Leatherdale showing promise and Lampitt and Rhodes

chipping in lower down, runs should still be plentiful. Unless Dilley's fitness improves dramatically, the bowling looks better suited to one-day cricket, with Radford less of a force these days, leaving Newport and Lampitt to lead the attack. Illingworth is an invaluable bowler in one-day cricket. and that looks to be their best hope of a trophy. Player to watch: Philip Weston. The young England

captain last winter, which cost him his Oxford University place.

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1991: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 10th (W5 L6 D11): Refuge Assurance Leagus: 3rd (W10, L4, WR2); Refuge Assurance Cup: Semi-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: Cuarter-finals. NatWest Trophy: Sami-finuts.

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1992 staff: C E L Ambrose, R J Bailey, M Bowen, D J Capel, N G B Cook, K M Curran, N A Felton, A Fordhem, S J Green, J G Hughee, K Innea, A J Lamb (captain), M B Love B R Most Corporate M M Loye, R R Montgomerie, W M Noon, R M Pearson, A L Penberthy, D Ricley, A R Reberts, JN Snape, N A Stanley, J P Taylor, A Walker, R J Warren, T C Waiton, R G Williams. Newcomers: Green (Warwicks), Waiton, Bowen, Innes, Departures: E A E Septists, W Larkins (Durham), D Palge, J G Thomas (retired).

IN SPITE of a campaign to unseat him, Lamb is still captain. Procter completing the South African leadership duo. Not a happy side last season but Bailey and Capel are still there after rumours they would move. Larkins has gone but, with

Fordham, Bailey and the captain, runs should be in plentiful supply.

Curtly Ambrose returns and he may need to repeat the form that made him one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year last season. Thomas has retired, leaving the responsibility for supporting Taylor, Walker and Penberthy. The leg spinner, Roberts, made an impression last year and if he can build on that, and Cook and Williams find their way again, there may be plenty of turners Northampton.

Player to watch: Alan Fordham. A fine strokeplaying opening batsman, he was a little unlucky not to get a place on the A team tour of the Caribbean last

1991: Britannic Assurance
County Championship: 4th (W7,
L5, D10). Refuge Assurance
League: 1st (W13, L3); Refuge
Assurance Cup: Semi-finals.
Benson and Hedges.Cup: Failed
to qualify for quarter-finals.
NatWest Trophy; Quarter-finals.
1992 staft: JA Affood, G F Archer,
R T Bates; S Bramhall, B C Broad,
C L Cairns, K E Cooper, M A
Crawley, W A Dessaur, K P Evans,
M G Field-Buss, B N French, E E
Hemmings, P Johnson, C C Lewis, Hemmings, P Johnson, CC Lewis, G W Mike, M Newell, R A Pick, P R Pollard, D W Randall, R T Robinson (captain), K Saxelby, M Saxelby, M Saxelby, M Saxelby, M Saxelby, M Saxelby, Lewoomers: Archer, Pramhall, Caims (Canterbury, New Zealand), Lewis (Leica). Departures: S M Brogan (retired), D J R Mertindale (retired), C W Scott (Durham), F D Stephenson (Sueax).

NOT the most popular team on the county circuit but they could easily prove the strongest this season, the

ting is deep, with Robinson and Broad prolific run-getters, Johnson was one of the few batting successes on the England A tour, and Pollard is capable of further improvement. Lewis and Cairns ensure they bat well down the order.

The bowling is well-balper, Cairns and Lewis in their various ways providing an excellent seam attack. If Lewis plays a full season — and injuries make this doubtful — there will be little respite for opposing bats-men, while, when needed, spin is supplied by Afford and the durable and experienced Hemmings.

signing of Lewis and the Cairns. Quick, powerful and powerful New Zealander. a phenomenal hitter, his re-Chris Cairns, giving them a signing could prove a formidable squad. The bat-masterstroke.

# SUSSEX LEGISLATION

1991: Britannic Assurance
County Championship: 11III (W4,
L3, T1, D14). Refuge Assurance
League: 12th (W5, L9, N/R2).
Benson and Hedges Cup: Falled
to quality for quarter-finale.
NatiWest Trophy: 2nd round.
1992 staft: J W Dean, B T P
Donelan, E S H Giddins, K
Greenfield, J W Hell, R Hanley, A N
Jones, N J Lanham, P Moores, J A
North, A C S Pigott, C C Remy, A G
Robson, I D K Sallabury, D M
Smith, M P Speight, F D Stephen-Robson, I D K Sallsbury, D M Smith, M P Spaight, F D Stephenson, A P Wells (captain), C M Wells. Neuroomers: Robson (Surrey), Stephenson (Notts). Departures: R A Bunting (retired), A R Comford (retired), A I C Dodemaide (Australia), P W G Parter (Durham), P W Threitail Instruct).

ALAN Wells takes over as captain of an exciting group of young players, Paul Parker moving to Durham. They lack the experience and depth to be serious contenders but will win some matches and many friends. A keen fielding side. which will help the young

Franklyn Stephenson. The West Indian will have something to prove, after being released by Notts, and, with Adrian Jones also in sup-port, should lift the burden of carrying the pace attack from Pigott's shoulders, with beneficial consequences for Salisbury, who made an excellent impression on the England A tour, spinning the ball more than a year earlier, and Donelan make a potentially exciting attack.

A fit Colin Wells will help give depth to the batting, where the young players will be looked to for fulfilment of their potential.

Player to watch: Martin Speight. A bassman of rich promise, who made a significant impact in the second half of last season.

#### YORKSHIRE

1991: Britennic Assurance County Championship: 14th (W8, L4, D12). Refuge Assurance League: 7th (W9, L7). Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-finals. NatWest Trophy: 1st round. 1992 steff: S Barile, J D Batty, 8 Bethel, R J Blakey, M Broadhurst, D Byas, P Carrick, C A Chapman, M J Doidge, D Gough, A P Grayson, P J Hartley, I J Houseman, P W Jarvis, S A Kellett, A Metcaffe, M D Moxon (capitaln), B Parker, C S Pickles, M A Robinson, Parker, C S Pickles, M A Robmson, K Sharp, S R Tendulkar, C White. Newcomera: Bartle, Bethel, Brosdhurst, Parker, Tandulkar (Bombay, India). Departures: P J Berry (Durham), S D Fletcher (Lanca), S N Hartley (retired), P E Robmson, C Shaw, A Sidebottom tratitad).

YORKSHIRE'S apologists have been telling us for years that only the lack of an overseas fast bowler stood between them and their traditional dominant position in the championship. The loss of McDermott means the myth can survive Tendukar, fulfilling their sponsor's demand for a proven Test player. "I don't see how even the world's best batsman is going to help us Yorkshire cricket committee member grumbled, and the point is unanswerable, unresilience and Gough develops quickly. Tendulkar could score so many runs so quickly that the spinners can be indulged, and Moxon's leadership has improved the atmosphere immeasurably.

Player to watch: Sachin Tendulkar, the first coloured player to sign for Yorkshire. "The new Bradman" and "a better player for his age than Gavaskar", are just two of the accolades. A lot rests on the 18-year-old's slim

#### BRIDGE

#### **Tributes will** be paid to Markus

BY ALBERT DORMER

TRIBUTES will be paid to Rixi Markus during the English Bridge Union Easter tournament at the Park Lane Hotel this weekend. The world's most famous

woman player, who died earlier this month, founded the highly popular event in the mid-Sixties and gained many successes there. The strong foreign representation this year includes leading players from Austria, the Netherlands and Germany. countries with which she was especially associated.

On Easter Monday, four members of the British women's Olympic squad are on view. Sandra Landy, Michelle Handley. Sandra Penfold and Liz McGowan meet the Austrian team of European champions in a match that is open to spectators, though not on Vu-graph. Simple bidding systems

with no conventions, other than Blackwood and Stayman, have once again forcefully demonstrated their appeal in Britain's biggest regional event.

Finalists from a record 334-team field are to contest the London Trophy at London's newest and smartest venue, the TGR Club in Hyde Park Gate, on May 31.

In Leeds, Roy Garthwaite and Heather Hobson were convincing winners of the national pairs northern final, adding to a string of recent

#### GOLF Cejka seizes chance to shine

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN RABAT

THE first day of the Moroccan Open championship was an occasion for allowing the statistics to take second billing to a human-interest story. It concerns Alex Cejka (pro-nounced Chyka), a Czechoslovak for the first nine years of his life, an individual in stateless limbo for the next 12, and a German for less than one. He had been allowed into the tournament literally to make up the numbers, because of a lack of entries. Cejka and his father, sepa-

rated from his wife, escaped from eastern Europe during a holiday in Yugoslavia in 1980. He vaguely remembers having swum a river, perhaps 200 yards wide, alongside his father and reaching Germany by way of Italy and

He emerged from this unlikely background to become a professional golfer and was second, to Bernhard Langer, in the German national championship last year at Frankfurt, where he has settled. He did, however, have one advantage, an addiction to the game on the part of parents back in Marienbad.

belied those experiences. hitherto unknown character, Murphy's law came into im-

both parents and his grand-In Germany, he graduated from cut-down clubs to the real thing and took his place, though unsuccessfully, at the PGA qualifying school of 1989, 1990 and 1991. The quality of his golf yesterday

Alas, when a posse of reporters went in search of this

putts from eight feet at the 15th, his only dropped shot, and an unlucky kick through the 16th green pulled him back to two under par, but he finished like a good 'un, with a huge swinging putt for a birdie four at the last.

Cejka's 69, left him one shot behind the leader, Fredrik Linbgren, of Sweden. Langer, the favourite, scored 76, his only birdie coming at the 9th, his last.

the 9th, his last.

LEADING SCORES (British unless stated; 69: F Urbgren (Swe) 69: A Colpu. (Gar). C Post (Den). 70: J Coceros (Arg). R Wilson, A Forebrand (Swe), B. Helberg (Swe), O Vincent (US), A Binaghi (R). 72: J Hobbury. J Sandelin (Swe), M Jernes, W Grant, G Raiph, M Cayton (Australia). 73: S Struver (Swe), A Hunter. 74: J Robinson, J Mercelle, D Wilson, I Johnson (Zim), M Sunesson (Swe), T Power (Australia). C Morton, F Lanson (Swe), M Do, M Heller, T Gard, C Morton, F Lanson (Swe), R Drummond. D Goall, D Cooper, J Van de Velde (Fr).

#### Davis sets the pace from start to finish

By PATRICIA DAVIES

BRIAN Davis, of East Herts. proved himself a formidable front-runner as he won the Peter McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath yesterday, five strokes ahead of his club colleague, David Hamilton.

From the moment he opened with nine straight pars in terrible conditions on Wednesday, Davis was the tournament leader. The first round was reduced to nine holes and the competition to 63 (the first time that has happened) and nobody could catch Davis, aged 17, whose composure was impressive.

Three shots ahead after 27 holes, he was still three ahead after 54, despite dropping a shot at each of the last three

Hamilton and Davis are great rivals and when Davis had bogeys at the first three holes of the last round, there was only a shot between them. Birdies at the 6th and 8th helped Davis recover to two ahead at the turn. The margin increased when Hamilton bogeved four holes in a row from the 11th. He finished with a 75 and Davis returned a 73 for 257.

It was Davis's second victory in a week, after retaining his Hertfordshire boys' title at

holes for a 74, three over par. Hamilton had moved into second place with a 72 that included five birdies, the best score of the day.

frontation. Mark Lees, the internation-

#### ROWING

#### Rival pairs chosen to compete in Cologne BOTH the Searle brothers feat as "particularly signifi-

and the world champions. Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, will race in pairs at Cologne Regatta in two weeks' time (Mike Rosewell The Searles, Jonathon and

Greg, who beat the world champions in a six-crew pairs trial race on Tuesday, intend to race in coxed and coxless boats but Redgrave and Pinsent are likely to remain in the coxless variety, and there is no certainty that there will be another direct con-

al performance director, said yesterday that he did not see Redgrave and Pinsent's denot fully race fit", but was clearly delighted with the performance of the Searles.

Although the official announcement of the full Cologne team is still awaited, use his other best performers, the third- to sixth-placed pairs last Tuesday of Martin Cross and Tim Foster, Pete Mulkerrins and Nick Burlin. Terry Dillon and Ben Hunt-Davis, and Simon Berrisford and Jim Walker, in an eight.

Remarkably, even below these leading boats, the likely coxed and coxless fours are all rowers with international

#### mediate operation. Three Jacklin's plan addresses waiting list handicap

THE problems that face the golfer who has nowhere to play and is unable to join a club because of a waiting list as long as Sam Torrance's putter are manifold and uncomfortable. It is estimated that there are anything up to two million such golfers up and down the land, and the privations they regularly endure to get their precious 18 holes in have produced, among other things, chilblains, frozenlimbs and marital stress far beyond the call of duty. It is with these stateless

nomads of the Royal and Ancient game in mind that Tony Jacklin, former Open and US Open champion and the most successful captain in the history of the Ryder Cup, has formed his own club to give players both a handicap and a place

to play. The plan, announced yesterday, is to offer membership of the Tony Jacklin Club to anyone who wants to join, the sole qualification being a will to learn and respect the game's traditional values. As soon as the subscription is paid, access will be given to clubs

that have registered under a parallel scheme called Tony Jacklin Playgolf. The R & A discussion doc-

ument The Way Forward saw the need for 700 new courses to be built, before the end of the millenium, to meet demand. The new scheme aims to tackle the problem from another angle by putting to fuller use existing facilities, which. Jacklin says, are grossly underplayed at the moment. Jacklin's scheme has re-

ceived the enthusiastic sup-

port of the English Golf

Union and the other home

unions, with whom discus-

find a way to affiliate the club and its members. This would enable members of the club to achieve official handicaps in the same way as any other affiliated club.

Bookings for tee times would be made through 2 central computer in Lanark, and Jacklin and his associates are pushing ahead with a plan to build a 36hole golf and country club nearby. It is a bold, ambitious scheme, and deserves to succeed. Now. all that is needed is the will given that, Jacklin says, a way will



Jacklin: new club

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7 30 unless stated Barclays League Cambridge Utd v Portsmouth...... Third division

**FOOTBALL** 

Brentford v Darlington (12.0)...... Swansea v Shrewsbury....... BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodit Trophy: BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Fereissen v Hisseni. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-relision: Chopenhain v Bristol Menor Farm, Elmore v Ottery 81 Mery, Exmouth v Dewlash, Liskeard Athletic v Saltash, Paulon v Welton, Tiverton v Minehead, Torrington v Bideferd. NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Murton v Tow Law, Newcastle Blue Star v Blyth Spartars; Pelorten Newtown v Seatem Red Star; West Auckland v Shildon.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STORES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
First division: Bradford v Sention (7 30),
Castleford v Welvefield (7 30), Hull KR v
Hull (8 15), Leeds v Hulfax (7 30), St
Helens v Wigan, Warrington v Widnes
Second division: Carlste v Ryedsle Vot.
(2 30); London Crusaders v Workington,
Riochdale v Oldham Third division:

lewsbury v Keighley (6 15), Huddersheld Hunslet (7 30), Scarborough Pirates v arrow (7 30)

CRICKET 17 30 to 6 30

FENNER'S: Cambridge University THE PARKS: Oxford University v OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: European championships individual semi-finals (Glasgow)
CYCLING: Welwyn Wheelers Hilly 31 milee (Welwyn Garden City, 8am); Great Yarmouth 10 miles (Earsham, 8 30am), High Wycombe 10 miles (Knowl Hill, 7am)

HOCKEY: AEWHA Six nations inter-national girls' Easter tournament: Under-18 (at Cannock HC). Under-18 (at Clifton and Clerical Medical, Bristol).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

England captain marks his recovery with runs at Lord's

# Gooch warms to the comfort of a favourite stage

LORD'S (final day of four): England A drew with Essex

ANOTHER bitter day at Lord's was not very conducive to good cricket, but not even the cold deters the indomitable Graham Gooch. After missing the second day - and the England Player of the Year dinner - with flu, in one way or another he has been central to events on and off the field over the past two

The most dramatic recovery since Lazarus," one colleague suggested, but that is too fanciful for the down-toearth Gooch. Essex man incarnate, his doughtiness is that of the stubborn ordinary soldier writ large.

His reappointment as Eng-land captain filled a blank third day. Yesterday, he was in his even more familiar role as his side's saviour, along with that other worthy infan-

tryman, Derek Pringle.
Pringle claimed the manof-the-match award wth some justice, sharing a sixth-wicket stand of 113 in 29 overs with his captain, and batting on after Gooch's departure to the close to score the ninth century of his career, and his first

#### Glendenen full of the firsts

BY JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Durham

FIRSTS are normally thin on the ground at Oxford. Yesterday. The Parks positively teemed with them. Pride of place went to John Glendenen, who made his first first-class century on his first first-class appearance and this for Durham, whose first first-class match this was. Paul Parker, his fellow century-maker, helped him to put on 222 for the first wicket, a record for any Durham partnership . . . and so it went on.

At least, it went on until Dean Jones had defied the encumbrance of several sweaters in scoring a brisk undefeated 36, Bainbridge had confirmed his stature and Graveney had put an end to it all by declaring at lunch. By then, we were all numb from the weight of statistical evidence and the chilliest wind at Oxford for many a long day, it was, in the circumstances, difficult to blame Durham's attack for failing to match their batsmen, but bowling out the average county team will not.

on this evidence, come easily. The university batsmen played all comers comfortably. Montgomerie was well taken at slip after an hour and a half but, although Storie was put down at square leg early on, he and Gallian

all but saw out the day. It was to Gallian that Parker sacrificed his wicket after just failing to beat Glendenen to three figures. But the ease with which Glendenen played - including a six and 17 fours - was even more welcome to a Durham team so long in the tooth that Glendenen, at 27, is for four seasons, to follow his three wickets in the England A innings, but the turning point had come with Gooch's arrival in the morning.

Coming in on a hat-trick with the county champions facing the possibility of a serious colapse as Munton and Cork found life and move-ment, and Salisbury some turn, he ensured that the game reached its predictable end rather than suddenly

erupting into dramatic life. Gooch likes Lord's, where he scored his monumental 333 against India. marking that affection yesterday by donating the bat he used in that epic to the Lord's Museum. That innings made an important contribution to his Lord's career average, which stood at 49.9 before he began

By the time he fell, it had improved slightly as he reached 75 off 122 balls, hitting one six and nine fours. Most came off Salisbury, who gained revenge by making one turn and bounce sharply to hit the glove, Johnson tak-

ing a smart catch at slip. It was Salisbury's second good wicket of the match, Waugh becoming his first vic-

FENNER'S (final day of three): Leicestershire beat

Cambridge University by 133

LEICESTERSHIRE could

have gained a still more con-

clusive victory than this. That

they did not had nothing to

do with saving Cambridge

University from embarrass-

ment and everything to do with giving all their bowlers

As it was, Leicestershire

won by mid-afternoon. After

day, each side forefeited an

innings, which meant that

Cambridge were left with a

By lunch, Leicestershire's

faster bowlers had removed

their first seven bassmen and.

since only 57 runs had been

scored, the outcome was in no

After lunch, Briers, the

Leicestershire captain, opted

to give his spinners a bowl.

There was nothing at all in

the pitch for them - it fa-

FENNER'S (final day of three): Leicestor-shire beet Cambridge University by 133

Total (2 wkits dec) 279
B F Smith, P N Hepworth, V J Wells, †P
Whithcaso, A D Audathy, G J Parsons and
D J Milling did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-102, 2-208

BOWLING Johnson 11-2-30-0, Prichor 8 0-53-0; Hooper 1-0-5-0, Abrigion 25-5-97 1, Pearson 18-5-69-1, Wight 7-1-18-0

Second Innergs, Forterled
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First In-

nings forfeited
Second Imnings
A M Hooper b Millins
S K Daz c Whitaker b Parsona
1) P Crawfey b Millins
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1) P Arecott c Whitaker b Parsona
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18 E Threates Bw b Millins
19 E Threates B

M El Abington si Whitucase b Potter .
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 1)

match practice.

doubt

Leicestershire

take their time

By Ivo Tennant

#### Sunday respite pleases Donald

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

ALLAN Donald, the South tim after a fine cameo innings African fast bowler, yester-day welcomed Warwickof 61 off 69 balls, confirming the growing belief that the shire's decision not to play him in the Sunday League young leg spinner is developing into an outstanding prosthis season. pect. His nerve under

Gooch's assault held comm-

If Salisbury took the eye,

Munton, who looks a yard

quicker than last season, and Cork also made a good im-

pression. In English condi-

tions they are both fine

prospects. Munton removing

Prichard and Nasser

Hussain in successive balls in

the morning. Cork was equally dangerous, removing Nadeem Shahid with a beau-

ty which left him, and also

The disappointment for the England captain, however, will be the form of Malcolm.

Impressively quick and sharp

in his two overs on Tuesday,

he was in wayward mood yesterday, reflected in his fig-

ures of 0 for 76 in 14 overs.

Alan Butcher, the Glamor-gan captain, who has been

struggling with a calf injury

in recent weeks, has been

ruled out of the Sunday

league match against War-wickshire at Edgbaston on

voured the seamers - and

Hepworth in particular was

soon hit off his length by

made his career-best score,

and the other a freshman.

smote 65 in 38 minutes. Not

only did they prolong the match but they alarmingly exposed Leicestershire's

Johnson, whose previous

highest score was 20, struck

nine fours and a six in his

half-century. Other than the like-minded Pitcher, Cam-

bridge's batting was not dis-tinguished. Millns bowled

quickly enough to beat

Crawley for pace and york

Thwaites. Mulially, injured

for so much of last season,

There were wickets, too, for

Parsons. If he was fortunate

to have Jarrett leg-before on

the front foot, he was sharp-

witted enough to give Arscott

a second leg cutter after a strong appeal off the first had

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-38, 3-28, 4-28, 6-35, 6-49, 7-52, 8-57, 9-122.

BCWLING: Milns 10.4-27-3; Mullally 8-3-11-1, Parsons 8-4-12-3; Wells 6-3-13-0; Hepworth 12-5-52-1; Potter 7-1-21-2. Umpires. R A White and P Adamd.

LORD'S (final day of lour): Easex draw with England A

ENGLAND A: First innings: 456 for 7 dec (D. J. Bicknet, 115, M. D. Moxon 71, P. Jehnson 53, H. Morris 51).

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-85, 3-35, 4-84, 5-91, 6-106, 7-219, 8-287

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-0-76-0, Munton 23-7-84-3, Cork 20-2-71-2, Selisbury 24-4

Jongires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer.

YESTERBAY'S SCOREBOARDS

gave nothing away.

been turned down.

These two, one a blue who

Johnson and Pitcher.

weaknesses in spin-

accounting for Knight.

ing here for the Test match vith West Indies tomorrow, knows he must be at his most lethal if South Africa are to have any chance of victory.

Donald said the World Cup left him weary of one-day games, with their restric-tive rules on overs and wides. and he sees South Africa's historic return to Test cricket as the zenith of his career. of Warwickshire's intention but views it as realistic thinking that will help to keep him fresh for championship

Mike Procter, the South African coach, denied that Donald had been overorked in the World Cup. He had bowled only ten overs a game like everyone else. Procter did not consider the Sunday League, where bowlers were limited to eight ing. As Northamptonshire's director of cricket, he could not see the county taking the

After almost a year's non-stop cricket, Donald, aged 25, said he had been tired and jaded in South Africa's first two one-day internationals in Jamaica and Trinidad. before he was rested from the

"Now I am feeling better than I have for a long time," he said. "I am really looking forward to the Test match where I can settle down, re-lax and bowl a decent spell. Hopefully I will be able to show the West Indies what I am capable of."

Both South Africa and West Indies are expected to include four fast bowlers on a hard, grassy Kensington Oval pitch that should provide pace and bounce early in

This is the first Test match to be played in the Caribbean since the International Cricket Council introduced their experimental rule limiting bowlers to not more than one bouncer at the same batsman in an over. Malcolm marsnai described the rule as reducing cricket to rounders.

Donald's control and rhythm has improved imasurably at Warwickshire under Bob Woolmer's guid-ance. He believes his newly developed outswinger brought him most of the 83 wickets he took last summer for the county.

THE PAPKS (final day of three): Oxford University draw with Durham

DURHAM: First Innings

BOWLING: Jean 20-4-74-0; Wood 12-3-0-39-0; Gallian 15-1-64-2, Device 13-3-2-68-0; Anderson 5-0-25-0; Gupte 2-0-16-0.

BOWLING Wood 14-5-24-1, McEwen 11-4-26-0; Bambridge 11-3-14-1, Smith 8-3 11-0; Barny 17-6-25-0; Graveney 4-1-5-0. Umpires: J C Balderstone and G Sharp.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-69

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-222, 2-255.



Victory march: Alnast Alwasheek (Steve Cauthen) wins the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

# Stoute sights imminent classic

RACING CORRESPONDENT

ALNASR Alwasheek, which is Arabic for imminent vic-tory, lived up to his name with a scintillating last-to-first suc-cess in the Craven Stakes favourite for the 2,000 Guineas on May 2.

The classic trial, which has been won by four subsequent 2,000 Guineas victors during the past seven years, was comted in fast time and Michael Stoute looks to have an excellent chance of recording his third victory in the colts classic following those of Sha-

deed and Doyoun in 1985 and 1988 respectively. As Irish Memory and Bold Pursuit set a furious pace over the first half-mile, Steve Cauthen settled Alnasr Al-washeek at the back of the eight-strong field. Just over two furlongs out he made his move, taking the Sadler's Wells colt to the outside before sprinting clear for an

impressive win. Dr Devious, who gave 5lb to the winner, came through to finish one-and-a-half lengths second. The Peter Chapple-Hyam trained colt will join Arazi in Louisville for the Kentucky Derby, for which he is 10-1, on 2,000

Guineas day before returning to Britain for the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom.

Irish Memory, who stayed on gamely for third, two-anda-half lengths away, is likely to reoppose the winner at Newmarker Victor Chandler offered a best-priced 4-1 about Alnast Alwasheek for the 2,000 Guineas.

Stoute said: "He is not the most robust horse I have trained but he is clean winded and we knew he was in pretty good shape. He has been

working consistently well.
"In the Tiffany Highflyer Stakes last year [in which Alnast Alwasheek finished third to Young Senor he was drawn on the far side and Steve had to keep him handy. Today I wanted him to drop in and relax. That's the best way to ride him as he has a good turn of foot.

before trailing in last. Frankle Dettori said: "It was too bad

"I think he is quite classy.

Although he is only medium

sized he has grown two inches

in the last 12 months. I

would be happy to bring him

Ladbrokes made Alnast Al-

washeek 16-1 joint-favourite with Dr Devious for the

Epsom Derby. Stoute, com-

menting on Alnast Alwa-

sheek's prospects over the longer trip, said: "Being a Sadler's Wells colt, you have to be hopeful he will stay

further. If we can get him to

relax he will have a good

chance of getting a mile and a

Forest Tiger, the 11-4 fa-vourite, was a bitter disap-

pointment and was beaten a

full three furlongs from home

back in two weeks' time in the

same shape as today."

THE Tote jackpot was finally won at Newmarket yesterday, paying a dividend of £115.935 to 2.95 winning

As the jackpot gripped the imagination of both on- and off-course backers, the pool reached £462,176. Over the

three days of the Newmarket

Tote jackpot is won meeting, the pool increased by some £350,000 from its initial carry over of £111,000. Tote spokesman Geoffrey Webster had forecast a pool in the region of half-a-million but added that had the bet been available at all offcourse bookmakers it would

have neared £1 million.

out. He was moving terribly. Ron McAnally, who will train Dr Devious while in the United States, watched the race and was optimistic about the chances of defeating Arazi. "I don't think he is invincible. The Breeders' Cup race was set up for Arazi with the fast pace. Dilum will run in the 2,000

Guineas without a run following an impressive piece of work with Zoman on Paul Cole's gallops this week. Cauthen also took the Feilden Stakes when Henry Cecil's Twist And Turn battled back to beat Young Se-

nor having been headed 100 Cecil remarked: "He wants further, that is why we had to make a lot of use of him. He needs at least a mile and a quarter. The Chester Vase is a

possibility." Cauthen's already powerful hand of classic options was strengthened by the news that he will ride Marling in the 1,000 Guineas. The booking was arranged before Cauthen partnered Geoff Wragg's unbeaten filly in a six-furlong workout with lead horse Dor-

set Duke after racing. "If Marling stays she has every chance," Cauthen said.

#### EQUESTRIANISM

# British riders go clear in warm-up

PROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN DELMAR CALIFORNIA

TINA Cassan and Tim Grubb, Britain's two representatives in the Volvo World Cup show jumping final. made an encouraging start to the week when they achieved two out of only eight clear rounds in the main warm-up class late on Wednesday

The competition, a jumpoff class, was won by the former British rider, Lesley McNaught-Mandli - now riding for Switzerland - on Forester. But with only four riders choosing to jump again against the clock, the final

placings were not a signifi-cant form guide to the final. Style and fitness were more telling factors. Grubb, well satisfied with his nine-yearold, Ever, on both counts, withdrew him from the jumpoff in order to save him for the opening speed class of the final. Ian Millar and his dual

World Cup winner, Big Ben, the favourite, adopted the same tactics. Grubb, unlike Millar, had a bad draw for the first leg of the final. He is fifth out of 46 riders in a competition that

traditionally favours those near the end. But the New Jersey-based Grubb, who was leading rider on the recent Florida cir-cult, remained in buoyant mood last night. "If the borse jumps like he did in there tomorrow, I won't worry."

Cassan is hoping for a more fluent ride on Fred Brown's Toronto winner, Genesis, The eight-year-old Hanoverian had no jumping faults but collected three quarters of a time fault due to his impressive, albeit time-wasting,

jumping. Clearing each fence with inches to spare, he frequently jumped Cassan, aged 26, out of the saddle. She is drawn fortieth in the opening leg. The most significant round from the earlier warm-up

class came from the Europe-an favourites, Franke Sloothaak, Germany's national champion, on his 1988 Olympic team gold medal winner, Walzerkoenig.

Making no attempts to race against the clock the pair, who finished third in the 1990 final, gave a faultless display, bolstering German hopes of a first World Cup win.

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RESULTS: Volvo World Cup warm-lip:
Class 3: Forester (L. McNaught-Mardd,
Switz), 0 Saults, 33.05sec; Mirege (H.
Harsen, US), 0. 35.65; Crown Monopoly (B.
Underhil, Carr), 4, 33.8. Class 2 (Table C):
Lycele (A. Vasilancourt, Cant), 53.0sec; Lan
338 (G Lindernam, US), 55.57; Sorrento (J.
Faltey, Aus), 58.65. Class 1: Leandra (O.
Becker, Ger), 0, 33.30; Bon Heur (E.
MacAen, Ire), 0, 34.38; Alf (T. Rudd, US), 0,
39.26.

£1.80, £1.30, £1.80, DF: £12.90, CSF. £20.73

520.73 3.15 (60) 1, Sea Devil (N Connorton, 5-2 tav); 2, Luna Bid (6-1); 3, Funella (9-2), 8 ran, 64, 2461. M Camacho, Tota: £3.00; £1.20, £2.70, £1.40. DF £9.80. CSF: £2.05 Tricast: £76.81.

3.45 (1m) 1, Tota Choice (3 Lowe, 25-1): 2, Causiey (5-1): 3, Qualitar Rhythm (4-1 fay): 14 ran. 3%; 1t. M W Easterby, Tota: \$75.80; \$7.60, \$2.20, \$1.90, DF: \$56.80, \$35 \$137.64, Tricast: \$568.58.

4.20 (1m 4f 60yd) 1. Firefighter (W Ryan, 100-30 fav); 2. Thor Power (12-1); 3. Double The Stakes (5-1), 14 ran, 1741, 274. 8 Hollinehead Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £3.40, £2.00. DF; £23.80. CSF; £43.80. Theast £190.03.

4.50 (1m) 1, Assasy (M Birch, 100-30); 2, Mr Flood (15-8 ji-fav); 3, Intent 15-8 ji-fav); 8 ran. Sh hd, 8i. M Stoute. Tote; 24.60; 21.50, 21.30, £1.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £9.84.

☐ Andre Fabre's Homme De

Placepot: £13.70.

#### FRANCE re . . . 15 350 good open snow 1 (Up to 40cm of fresh snow has greatly improved conditions) ........ 30 170 good open snow (Good skiing at most levels, particularly on Linga) ,...,.. 10 220 good open (Fresh snow at all levels; Roche de Mio very good) .. 120 175 good open snow (All runs complete and in good condition) Tignes . 20 120 good open snow (Upper pistes very good, lower runs (hinning) Vallore AUSTRIA 0 190 mixed closed (Still good skiing on upper pistes) 25 180 good open Brand (Best conditions on uppermost pistes) .... 115 210 good open snow (Good spring skiing with all hills and runs open) Lech . 5 190 mixed few open snow (Good skung on upper runs and giscier) tendorf ..... 5 160 mixed closed sleet 2 (Still good above middle station; seven lifts and upper runs open)

#### SNOW REPORTS Conditions 16/4 SWITZERLAND Davos . . . . . . 70 270 good open s (Still good skiing on upper runs) ...... 20 290 good open cloudy (Upper pistes attenng good slaing on tresh snow) 120 200 good open cloudy cloudy 10 160 mixed ореп (Upper pistes good, lower icy and patchy) Supplied by Sid Hotline. L and U refer to lower and unper slopes

# Newmarket Going: good

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2.00 (77) 1. KING OLAF (Pat Eddery, 11-4. Richard Evans nap); 2. Hamas (W Carson, 5-2 fas); 3. Taib (J Red, 11-1). ALSO RAN 6 Zalon (44h), 12 Boethius. Colonsay, Dearred Guest, Retender (5th), 16 Hopeful Bid, 20 Young Max (6th), 25 Chummy's Child, Emigrator, 33 Neel, Nacyces, Nominee Prince, 15-ran, Nr., 37sl., 34, 37sl, 11, P Chappfe-Hyam at Manton Tote C12-20; 5: 10, 5: 170, 24.80 OF 54-20 CSF- 210 77 Imm 27 67 Sec. 2.35 (1m 41); 1. CLOSE FRIEND (D Holland, 7-1), 2. Line Drummer (D Biggs, 13-1), 3. Kimbers (J Reid, 33-1). ALSO RAN 11-2 If-law Kansk, Kiveton Kabooz, 8 Saai Indigo (5th), 9 See Goddess, 10 Irish Emerald, Castoret (4th), 12 Swift Sword (6th), James is Special, 14 Faral, 16 Libk, 20 Nam 14 ran Ak. 31, 34, 15; 21, B Hille at Lumbourn Tote £10.20; £2.90, £7.80, 513 30. DF: 138 70. CSF- £177 19 11/caal, £8,273.44. Three 255 (peed on any two of the first three with any other) 2min 35 60sec.

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3.05 (1m 1h) 1. TWIST AND TURN (S Caythen, 11 4 lay), 2. Young Senor (W R Swingun, 7-1); 3. Theyr (C Roche, 4-1). ALSO RAN 7-2 Mack The Knife, 13-2 Amaze (6th), 10 Spartan Shareaf (5th), 14 Ming Dancer, Debric Thatcher (4th), 8 ran Hd, 3i, sh hd, 31-l, 21-l, H Cepi at Newmarket Tota C3 80, C1 30, E1 90, E1 90 OF- £15 70 CSF- C20 78 1 min 51,95eec

51.95eec 3.40 (1m) 1, ALNASH ALWASHEEK (S Ceuthen, 5-1), 2, Dr Devious (C Aemuscon, 7-2), 3, Irish Memory (C Roche, 16-1), ALSO RAN, 11-4 fav Forest Tiger, 5 Muntaeram (4th), 6 Bold Pursunt (6th), 15-2 Torrey Canyon, 33 Badre (5th), 8 rsm 191, 244, 2, 34, 81 M Stoule at Newmarket Tote, 15 60, 21 90, 21 10, 22-40 DF 28.80 CSF 221.84 Im 37.38sec

2.50 (2m chi 1, KING OF THE LOT (R Durtwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Green Willow (D Murphy, 6-1); 3, Certain Style (J Osborne, 11-4) ALSO RAN: 9-4 Moment Of Truth 4.10 (61) 1, HEATHER BANK (Pai Eddery, 6-1); 2, Master Planner (G

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 25-1). ALSO RAN 9-2 tav Ponsardin, 15-2 Cindors, 8 Isalah (4th), Spice, 9 Freddie Lloyd (6th), 10 Walking Possession, 12 Holetown, 14 Menu, 16 Sr Boudle (5th), 25 Peersge Prace, Kilmeltord, 100 Marsber 15 ran 8, 1/91, 14, 11, nk, J Berry at Cockerhern Tote 55,70 £2,80, 26.80, 24.20 DF 1161,70 CSF \$128,36. Tricast: \$3,146.49 Trio, £376.40 fmln 14 04sec

4.45 (Sf) 1, KHARAJ (W Carson, 10-1): 2. Pistol (T Quinn, 11-1), 3, Joyotracing (D Hotland, 9-4 fav) ALSO RAN 5 Kingston Brown (6th), 13-2 Aberdaen Heether, 8 Roger The Butler, 12 Darenot (5th), 16 Soled D Or, Waltern, White Crown (4th), 32 Cashable, Legal Dancer, Threachus, 13 ran, 3, 3/4), 2/41, 3, nh. A Scott at Newmarket Tote £7.40; £2.70, £4.60, £180. DF, £53.90. CSF £106.01. Imm 02 68sect Piacepot: £980.30. Jackpot: £115,935.80.

Cheltenham

Going: good
2.15 (2m 4t hole) 1. ARDRIE (R
Dunwoody, 9-2 lav), 2. Train Robber (W
Invine, 20-1); 3. Camelot Knight (M
Richards, 14-1); 4. Golden Gunner (G
McCourt, 11-2) AL3O RAN: 10 Mailcom,
11 Royal Haven (put,) 12 Sovereign Sound,
18 Beilyante, Capital Punishment (pu),
Now Your Talkin, 20 Schwegoes Tonic,
Dark Oak, Wings Of Freedom (9th),
Cambo, 25 Cosstring, 33 Lirle Lad (5th),
Murphaidez, Badbury Lad, 50 Windson
Park, Sarah's Wroath 20 ran NR Sweet
Dute, Malvernian, 11, 81, 3/41, 51, 2/91 Mrs
S Oliver at Wolverhampton, Tote 55 50;
21.80, £3.40, £2.90, £2.10. DF: £59.90.
CSF, £90.98. Tineast: £1059.44.

(4th), 4 ran NR: Treveylor 101, 11st, 81 D Nicholson at Stow-on-ths-Wold. Total 52.80 DF: 57.20. CSF: \$10.45

3.25 (2m 4! hdle) 1, WICK POUND (T Grantham, 14-1), 2, Better Times Ahead (G McCourt, 7-1); 3, Nickle Joe (D Gallegher, 8-1); 4, Nartive Tirble (R Guest, 15-2), ALSO RAN, 11-2 lav One More Knight, 6 Mardood, Pinata (pu), 10 Meyleh Mirx (R), 11 Bollages (5th), 12 Jasthesaker, 14 Spanish Servant, 20 Fok Dance, Meditator, 25 Holt Place (ur), Partemps Network, 56 Romful Prince (6th), 15 ran, 51, 17st, shind, 7st, 7st, 10 Jdd at Wroughton Totes: 218-20, 54 00, 57 80, 52 29, 52 40, DF 245-30 CSF £105.74 Tricast: 2783.59 Tric £190.10

4.00 (3m 2' ch) 1, SPEAKERS CORNER (Mr H Brown, 9-4 fav); 2, Ardesse (Mr J Winlle, 9-1), 3, Katesville (Mr T Jones, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 3 No Escart (pu), 7-2 Welfies Delight (5th), 8 Gaelic Cherry (f), 20 Majestic Buck (pu), 33 Correct Garl (pu), 50 Part Shade (f), Ballyneev (pu), Michael (4th), 100 Betty's Pearl B (f), 12

PPOA (Ashome) Mares: 1, Fine Lace (G Perry, 2-7 fav); 2, Blakelin, 3, Pannoy's Daugher 15 ran Nov I. 1, Blue Cheek (N Bradley, 5-4 fav), 2, Able Dan, 3, Caplain

ran. 20i, 12i, dist, 6i M Sowersby et Driffield, Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £3.20, £3.20. DF: £20.40, CSF: £20.60.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, ABSALOM'S LADY (R Guest, 21-20 fav; Private Handlingper top rating), 2, Parts Of Troy (C Llowellyn, 8-1), 3, Herdey Regatts (§ Noemark, 40-1), ALSO FIAN: 9-4 The Blue Boy, 14 Pims Gurner (5th), 18 Mangrove Mat., 20 Danube (4th), 33 Hedgehopper (6th), 50 Hermes Harvest, Reze (pu), Swift Forence, 11 ren. 15l, 10l, 34l, 12l, 6L G Belding at Whitcombe, Totar E2-10; £1.30, £2.00, £3.30. DF, £7.80. CSF: £10.02

6,10 (3m st ch) 1, BELMOUNT CAPTAIN (R Guest, 8-1); 2, Country Member (S McNoil, 5-2 lav); 3, Glein Cherry (C Llewellyn, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 7 Boom Time (4th), 9 Viridian (f), 10 All Aflost (pu), 12 Meat The Foulkes (ur), Celbe Prince (6th), 14 Mr Vergette (6th), 5ebel House (pu), 20 Bignor Hill (pu), 50 Heart Of Kings (pu), 100 Sam Pepper (pu), Mount Eston For (pu) 14 ren. 1, 15t, 6t, 7t, cist. G Balding at Whatcombe Tota: £9.50; £2.40, £2.10.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

TIVERTON (Hockworthy) Hunt: 1, Roung Glen (L. Bleckford, Evene tav); 2. Happy News. 3, Air Truth 4 ran Confined: 1, Seal Prince (J. Farthlang, 5-1); 2. The Doormaker, 3, Flame O'Frensi, 6 ran Ladies: 1, Khattaf (Airs R Vickery, Evens lav); 2. Dandy: 3, Puppet Show 6 ran. Open: 1, Lady Carotino (R Peyne, 20-1), 2, 8allythed Only two finested 6 ran. PPOA: 1, Elver Season (Fl Ainer, 1-27), 2, Britostone Hill; 3, Spartan Danger. 6 ran. Mdn: 1, Elegent Ber (T Greed, 8-1); 2, Who Am I Telling: 3, Distribution. 13 ran

Tom 16 ran Nov II: 1, Another Miracie (Mas C Spearing, 7-2), 2 Country Picture; 3, Arche Raef. 14 ran. Open: 1, January Don (A Datton, 12-1); 2, Eastern Destiny; 3, Ticarc 7 ran Ladies: 1, Flysway (Mase K Rimell, 25-1); 2, Mendigs Express, 3, Fide-Riol, 9 ran Infarmediate: 1, Sunity, Mount (J Greenali, 6-4 lart), 2, Fermelly; 3, Sirisat. 10 ran. Mdn I, pt I: 1, Runder Bycham (Julian Pritchard, 20-1); 2, Madam Advocate; 3, Clear Gin. 10 ran. Mdn I, pt I: 1, Diamond Fort (H Whealer, 4-5 lay); 2, Zarbo Only two theshed: 10 ran. Mdn II, pt I: 1, Armies Rose (Mas S Duckett, 6-1); 2, Air Streat; 3, Kellye Pal. 11 ran. Mdn II, pt I: 1, Parties Rose (Mas S Duckett, 6-1); 2, Air Streat; 3, Kellye Pal. 11 ran. Mdn III, pt II: 1, Petroly (John

£1 80. OF: £21.80. C8F: £27.80. Trioust:

5.40 (2m flat) 1, TURNING TRIX (Mr. J. Durkan, 6-1); 2, Needwood Nathve (Mr. A. Fitzgerski, 10-1); 3, Country Miscress (P. Barles, 14-1); Al-SO RAN; 11-2 lav Cestle Blue (4m), 8 il 's Afters, 8 Sharrow Bay, 10 Tina's Missile, 51 John's Hill, 12 Special Account (8th) Grabam Gooch, 16 Boogle Woogle Boy, Vosne Romanse II, 20 Eastem Prospect, 33 Bizaring Joher, Coraco, Kinge Brompton, Aintrae Oats, Artyre, Julie Stephene, Marginal Margie, Count Robert (5m), Majestric Gold, Mr. Wiggles, Amys Delight, 24 ran NR: Goldings (12, 21, 11, 14), 22 Sherwood at East Itsley, Tote, 28.80; E3.70, 25.30, £4.80. DF: £82.10 CSF: £84.22.

8.10 (2m flat) 1, MARTELL SPIRIT (R Gréene, 8-1): 2, Magellan Bay (Mr G Levns, 2-1 fay): 3, Sedge Warbler (Mr J Durkan, 10-1) ALSO RAN, 9-2 Tudor Feble, 5 Lenthell Fox, 6 Triple Sensation, 9 Exser's Liabelly, 10 Lord Tim, 14 Cool Clown (ro), 20 Donald's Sarter, 33 Gen-Tech, Liberty James, Rivage Bisu (5th), Cettic Rhyme, Mariners Debt, Stormy Sunset, Leenwood (Bith), Paddy's Gold, Rabying Cry (4th), Remember Mee, Drakes Country, Mary's Music, Princess Hotpot, 23 ran, NR: Coud Hopper, Cyprus, 2, sh hd, 15t, 2, nk, D Barons at Kingstridge, Toter 515-70; 55.50, £1.90, £8.50, DF, £17.80, CSF: £27.80. Piscepot: 259.00.

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Going: soft (heavy patches) 2.19 (m.27) 1. Hengod (W.Ryen, 11-3 fav); 2. Pennine Star (20-1), 3. Melternich (6-1) 12 nan 343, %1. H. Cocii. Tota: £1 80; £1.30, £5.30, £1.50. DF: £24.90, CSF: £29.54 2.40 (6f) 1, The Old Chapel (S Sandera, 8-1); 2, Marrina's Too (13-8 tev); 3, Afri (4-1), 8 ran. Nk, 2; B McMahon Tole: C10 10,

Loi, ridden by Thierry Jamet, beat odds-on favourite Calling Collect (Dominique Boeuf) in the £20,555 Prix de Guiche at Longchamp yester-day. Calling Collect was later disqualified for hampering the fourth, Luazur. Adrian Maguire, who re-

turned from Ireland yesterday, hopes to resume riding next week. He will seek medical clearance during the next few days.

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# Best criticises maul experiment as an inducement to cheat

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

DICK Best, the England coach, criticised the experisiental maul law which the International Rugby Football Board recommended at its annual meeting in Wellington yesterday, giving the scrum feed to the team not in possession when a maul ends.

"I can see the thinking but I think it's stupid," he said. "You are encouraging people to get on the wrong side of mauls and to cheat. It helps a side prevent the flow of a Brian Moore, England's hooker and pack leader, agreed. "The team taking the ball into a tackle situation, if they don't produce the ball, will be deprived of the put-tin," he said. That, to me,

rewards negative play.
"If people get into wrong positions inadvertently there will be such a desperate desire to get them out because they need the ball, I think it could increase violence." Moore took the view that not all the changes had been thought through properly and that no co-ordinated attempt had been made to move the game

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), in announcing its law

changes, may have given rugby a significant shift in emphasis without turning the game, as some had

feared, into what has been

described as a "pyjama" version of the real thing.
The clamour to appeal to a new, possibly bigger audience, and the need for

television to satisfy this,

might have motivated the

aw makers to provide for a

faster-moving game with

fewer stoppages. Laudable, but in so do

ing would they emasculate

the traditional nature of

rugby union, its style and peculiar flavour, thereby

limiting the variation in

and the choice and appre-

ciation of the finer tactical

points. Rugby union

should not be another ver-

sion of rugby league.
The agreed changes have avoided such modifica-

tions. The law appertain-

ing to offside in general: to

advance ahead of the kick-

er of the ball to within ten

metres of the catcher, as

has been the case, could

effectively bring the game to a standstill, as it almost

did in the World Cup semi-

final at Lansdowne Road.

what has come to be known

as "ping pong" rugby, ap-

parent during the five na-

tions' championship as

well. Since there is no op-portunity to counter attack

because of the line of de-

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side simply kick the ball back and forth. The so-

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team manager, suggested that the maul law, which will be in force next season, but subject to change or with drawal at the end of its experimental period, could affect the game by encouraging players to go to ground when tackled, thus forming a ruck which goes against the whole purpose of staying on

your feet to play rugby

Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union technical director, said the onus would be on the team with the ball to produce it more quickly."
This is good, but if the referec fails to spot offending players you may get more scrums," he said. He also gave his seal of approvel to five-point try.

Serge Blanco, the former French full back and the world's most-capped player, also welcomed the five-point try. "It was not right to see. teams win only because of their goal-kicking ability while teams playing an at-tractive game would lose," he said, adding tartly that England would have to change

forming a circle around the catcher. This would have

The kicker must now run

ahead to put all others

By and large the New Zealand recommendation,

that all penalties for tech-

be reduced to free kicks,

been fareical.

Putting rugby

onside again

Geoff Cooke, the England, their approach - under the slam game between England having scored three tries to

Jeff Young, the Welsh Rug-by Union's technical director. emphasised that the implica-tions of the law changes had to be enapshed. "Our first stage will be to talk them through in our technical department and with our refer-ees," he said: We can benefit from these frick and maull changes in Wales because we are good at committing players, but not so expert at deliv ering the ball.

ken Rowlands, the WRU referees development officer, approved the Board's ambition to speed up the game and make it more attractive by increasing the points scoring. We are particularly pleased they have reduced a number of penalties in directives. of penalties in the kicks, al-though we also believe that in time it might be useful to reduce all penalties to free kicks other than for foul play

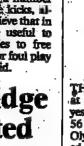
#### Etheridge selected by Ireland

appearances for England B in 1989, his been drafted into Ireland's squad to tour New Zealand next month (David Hands writes). He takes the vacancy created when Neil Francis withdraw but the Irish have also lost Gordon Hamilton, the Ballymena flanker, who has yet to recover from a back

has been accepted. Penal-ties should be restricted to four areas: foul play, obstruction, persistent infringement and professional fouls, yet to be defined. Because there was such inequity between the gravity of these transgres-sions (a penalty for a delibkick in the head) this makes sense. It reduces the opportunities for penalty Since the law makers are not yet convinced of the idea of a differential penal-

ty, they have given the nonoffending team a double advantage if they kick the on Wednesday. ball out of play, they also have the throw in at the subsequent line out. No IRFB statment on the laws would be appropriate without at least some disagreement. To effectively disallow a player to kick the ball after retreating behind his 22-metre line is likely to prove a headache for the referees. And to permit coaches to go onto the field at half-time is an ominous dev-

elopment which ought to be resisted. As a players' game, the performers should rise or fall by their own efforts.



JOHN Etherdage, the North-ampton lock who made four

Etheridge, aged 26, who made his name with Gloucester, had earlier indicated his availability for the Irish Exiles for next season's interprovincial championship, on the basis of his Irish father. □ David Sole, Scotland's captain, will lead the World XV in the first of their three meetings with New Zealand in Christchurch tomorrow. He takes over the position after the withdrawal of Nick Farr-Jones, Australia's World Cup-winning captain, who damaged an ankle in Sydney

Jeremy Guscott, England's centre, forms an exciting parmership with Tim Horan and Sole's fellow Scots, Gavin Hastings, Andy Nicol and Derek White, are all picked. Derek White, are all picked.

MEM ZEALAND: G Cooper (Otopo); J
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Bothop (Cartactory); S Henderson
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(France), G Mack(Innon (Carnada), D White
(Scotland), Reference D Beaum (Missien).



# Trio recalls golden memories

THREE gold medal winners at Berlin in 1936 reflected yesterday on the changes that 56 years have seen in the Olympic Games — and decided they had not been for the

Bill Roberts, Godfrey Brown and Colonel Godfrey Rampling were three of the heroes of the men's 4 x 400 metres relay in "Hitler's Olympics" (the fourth member of Great Britain's winning team, Fred Wolff, died four years ago). The trio will star again shortly in a BBC television series, Tales of

over six weeks the glory of 17 British medal winners. It begins on BBC1 next Friday.

Roberts and Brown viewed their own glorious race and some of the other history makers at the BBC in London yesterday, and agreed that it was "wonderful, heartwarming nostalgia". But for those who will compete in Barcelona it was, they said "a totally different world.

In 1936 there was little training except for someone at university, like Brown. Roberts did his by running to his Manchester timber works each day. A five-penny tube was, even after they had beaten Jesse Owens and the Americans at White City.

all seriousness, that he had now "justified his selection". Rampling said: "We are looking back on an age of sporting innocence." He and his peers had run "only for

And the man who came sixth

in the Olympics was told, in

We got nothing out of it. Today it is so highly commercialised." Rampling

Roberts deplored huge cash payments and drugs.
"The one leads to the other —

The former head of Worcester Royal Grammar School, Brown envies today's athletes only the time they have for training. "I would have enjoyed that. We never realised our potential. The Americans even then had coaches and all the time for coaching. But we only got fit running in the Olympics. But I would not be happy going out thinking I was being

Brown recalled that Hitler "did watch the finals and behaved quite properly over the presentation of medals". **RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Monie wants best of Wigan

By KEITH MACKLIN

ALTHOUGH the Stones Bitter championship has already gone to Wigan, St Helens can restore their pride at Knowsley Road todayin the traditional Easter derby

Saints have had a good season and are certain to finish runners-up with home ties in the premiership. However, Wigan dismissed them from the Challenge Cup and shrugged aside their champ-ionship challenge with some ease in these closing weeks of

another League and Cup double and their demanding coach John Monie will insist on a complete performance today. Monie is a firm believer that winning is a good habit and that there should be no withdrawing from the firing line in the run-up to Wembley. Martin Dermott returns as hooker for Wigan and Steve Hampson, although not selected roday, is

ready to return. St Helens, who heard yesterday that their captain Shane Cooper has been removed from the overseas list have Gary Connolly at full back for the out of form Phil

Velvers, who is dropped. Castleford, Wigan's Cup final opponents, have not been able to maintain the sharpness and determination of their opponents. They also have injuries to Steadman. Sampson and Anderson, all of whom will not be playing today in the derby against Wakefield Trinity.

Bradford Northern, struggling to avoid relegation, have New Zealand centre Darrall Shelford available for the game against Swinton today, which Northern must win if they are to get out of the bottom two.

BADMINTON

#### Nielsen reveals fighting quality

By RICHARD EATON

ANDERS Nielsen reached the semi-finals of the Pilkington Glass European championships in Glasgow yesterday with a magnificent recovery from 4-11 down in the final game to win 15-4, 14-17, 15-13 against the athletic Robert Liljequist, from Finland. The contest lasted almost an hour and a half, the longest of the quarter-finals, and will be a candidate for

the match of the tournament. It was also the third unexpected triumph within two months for the Surrey man, who became English national champion in February, reached the quarter-finals of the All England championship unseeded, and yesterday beat one of the surprise achievers of the event.

Liljequist, the world No. 29, had beaten the fourth seeded Swede, Jens Olsson, and it was easy to see why. He rallied endlessly, had a fine disguised overhead drop shot and played a number of effective rallies at the net. Nielsen attacked often at the start but got lured into the long rallies and three incidents in the middle of the

match suggested that he was

running into trouble.

First, Liljequist saved two match points at 14-13 in the second game. Then, at 14-15, Nielsen revealed his tension after netting a smash by hurling his racket to the floor and breaking it. Worse still, at 0-3 in the final game, when the umpire ajudged a foul shot on Nielsen, the Englishman became involved in a lengthy argument.

Nielsen regained his composure and revealed that he is one of the most determined fighters in the game.At 13-13 in the final game, he sum-moned the energy for a smash and a forehand drive which took him to match point and then clinched the contest with a lift to the back which Liljequist put wide of the backhand line.

#### SWIMMING

#### Champion points the finger

Grummt, who played lead wundermachen to the East German domination from 1972 to 1976, competed for the first time in Britain yesterday (Craig Lord writes). Her efforts at the Edin-

burgh international meeting brought her, at 29.02 seconds, within half a second of European masters record at 50 metres freestyle. Although well short of making the final she did not lag when pressed on allegations of drug abuse by former East German sportsmen and women.

believes She thatindividuals such as Katrin Krabbe, the athlete, were unjustly banned when so many had not been subject to random tests. Ender Grummt would have sought out the doctors and coaches, to blame for the drug abuse had her children been handicapped. They were not, and yesterday Franziska, aged 13. was ninth and sixteenth in her own age group.

#### HOCKEY

#### Holders likely to stretch Havant

From Sydney Friskin in amsterðam

HAVANT and Hounslow seek new fortune in The Netherlands over the next four days. Havant in the European club championship at Amstelveen, and Hounslow in the Cup Winners' Cup at Vught. The format for both competitions is the same, the winners of each pool qualify-

ing for the final. Havant, who arrived here on Wednesday night, practised yesterday afternoon for today's match against the Belgium club, Royal Leopold.

Havant face a more forbidding task on Sunday against Uhlenhorst, from Mulheim, winners for the past four years. But Havant's shortcorner routine, in which Hill plays a prominent part, can match that of the Germans.

The Ulster dub, Lisnagarvey, face strong opposition from Atlètico Terrassa, of Spain, and Bloemendaalm from The Netherlands, in the other group. In the women's tourpa-

ment Slough can expect strong opposition from the Amsterdamsche, in pool A. Glasgow Western are in pool B along with Eintracht Frankfurt, Club de Campo, from Madrid, and Stadefrancis, from Paris.

Hounslow have a good chance of finishing on top of pool B in the Cup Winners' Cup at Vught. Their oppo-nents are SPV Illescas, of Spain, Cork (Harlequins) and White Star, from Belgium.

Sutton Coldfield will carry England's banner in the women's Cup Winners' Cup. They are in pool B along with San Sebastian, of Spain, Old Alexandria, from Ireland, and Club Raffelburg, from

☐ A total of 42 teams will take part in the 86th Easter festival at Folkestone, where on Sunday the main overseas visitors, Royal Uccle of Belgium, will meet the Festival

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#### Redding advances on vault

LOUIS Redding, of Britain, has qualified for the vault semi-final at the first world individual gymnastic championships in Paris.

The semi finals today will consist of the 16 best men and women for each apparatus, up to a limit of two gymnasts from each country. The eight leaders on each piece will go on to the finals tomorrow and Sunday.

#### Manchester bid

Olympic Games: Manchester was one of eight cities to meet Wednesday's deadline for bids to host the 2000 summer Olympic Games. The others were Beijing, Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul, Milan, Sydney and Tashkent (Uzbekistan).

Davis Cup venue Tennis: The Davis Cup semifinals between the United States and Sweden will be played at Target Center in Phoenix on September 25 to 27. Switzerland and Brazil will contest the other semifinal, in Switzerland, with the winners to meet on December 4-6.

**FOOTBALL** INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brazil S

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Bruzil 3, Finland 1 (In Cudaba).
Late results on Wednesday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division:
Brighton 1, Derby 2: Leicaebar 1, Trainmere 0, Middlesbrough 2, Oxford 1, Southend 0, Port Valle 0.
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EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final series:
Group A: Anderischt 3, Red Star Belgrede 2, Sempdoris 1, Paratthinalises 1.
Group B: Barcelona 2, Benlica 1; Dynamo Klev 1, Sparra Prague 0. (Sampdoria and Barcelona quality for final at Wembley on May 20).

EUROPEAN CUP: WINNERS' CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Werder Bramen 2, Ctub Brugge 0 (Werder Bramen win 2-1 on aggregate); Feyerroord 2, Monaco 2. (Aggregate 3-3; Monaco win on away gosel).

gozis). UEFA GUP: Semi-final, second leg: Ajex 1, Genos 1 (Ajex win 4-3 on aggregale); Torino 2, Real Madrid 0 (Torino win 3-2 on

aggregate). BABORA EAGUE: Pramier divisione: Chesham 1. Harrow D. Third divisione: Codier Row 3, Thams 3; Feltham and Hourslow Borough 1. Hertford 2. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Pramier division: Corby 0, Helassowen 4. Midland division: Yate 0, Bridgmorth D. Southern division: Postgoned: Buckingham v Nessoon! (TW) ANISOTE FORMANIAN ANISOTE OF THE ANI

O: Raddiffe Borough 4, Worksop 1: Guissley 5, Rhyl 2.
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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 1, Sheffield Wed 1: Bradford 2, Sheffield Utd 4; Leeds 2, Manchester City 1; Newcestle 3, Bolton 1. Postponed: Sunderland v Liverpoel. Second division: Oldham 1, Blackpool 0: Securithorpe 2, Grimsby 0: Wolverhampton 5, Huddersfield 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough 2, Billingham Synthonia 2, NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST

LEAGUE: Premier division: Herroget RA 0. Ecclesh#I 2. HA U. CODESTRE Z.
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LEAGUE: First division: Fixton 1; Ashton Uto 2. WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE Lay-ton Orient 1, Brantford 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornerd 0, Brentham Athletic 1; Stowmerket 5, Websch 3. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Frome 1, Bristol Manor Farm 1.

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GLASGOW: European championships:
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and M Kordhuk (CS) bit 8 hambles see A
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C Jeanjean (Fr) bit J Zimsen (bee) and F
Balaban (Rom), 15-2, 15-2; J Koch and H
Koch (Austria) bit T Tounimen and R
Lijequist (Fri), 15-3, 15-10; T Wahland
and J-E Kristensen (Nor) bit P Vanneste
and F Vigneron (Bell), 15-6, 11-15, 15-4; M
Watt and M Peard (Ire) bit A lottzer and
A Pichler (It), 15-4, 15-3; T Wapp and R
Musifer (Switz) bit A de Lesuw and J van
Bouwei (Bell), 15-2, 15-6; 3 Kuhl and S
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(Austria), acr; G Hendemon and B
Topping (Ire) bit A Nagy and R Barnhell
(Hun), 15-8, 15-7; D Sentano and A
Mirantia (Sp) bit I hannov and Y Borissov
(Bull), 15-7, 15-4; R Fernandez and F Stiva
(Por) bit N Piseis and A Lizzarou (Cypnus),
15-1, 15-0. Second round: J HolstChristensen and T Lund (Den) bit T
Mendrek and J Jurka (C2), 15-1, 15-4;
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Zebbe (Pol), sor; N Ponting and D Wright
(Eng) bit I. Chew and C Nyffenegger
(Switz), 13-1, 15-8 Massiss and Jacquent
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bit A Lopea and M Vasconcelos (Por), 151, 15-4; M Kack and M Helber (Ger) bit
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1, 15-4; Third round: Holst-Christonsen and
1 Lund bit Dmitriev and Korshuf, 15-9, Third round: Holst-Christonsen and
1 Lund bit Dmitriev and Korshuf, 15-10, 15-4;
Ponting and Wright bit Massiss and 159. Third round: Holin-Christmen and Lund bt Dmitriev and Korshuk, 15-0, 15-4; Ponting and Wright. In Massias and Jestigean, 15-9, 15-3; Jonsson and Pakeison bt Kook and Helber, 15-7, 7-15, 18-13; Middlemise and Holog bt Warland and Kidetensen, 15-9, 16-7; Ruhl and Frey bt A Antropov and N Zuev (CS), 15-10, 15-11; J-E Antonseon and S Osterberg (Dwel bt J Dotten and J Hanklewicz, (Pol).

16-4, 11-15, 17-14; C Hunt and A Goode (Eng) bit Kristjansson and Hall, 15-7, 15-11; J Pustaen and H Svarer (Dan) bit Fendandez and Silva, 15-2, 15-4. Witners's doubles: First round: C Silver and G Solberg (Nor) bit P Shrott and T Egger (II), 15-0, 15-0; E Lescinova and T Egger (II), 15-0, 15-0; E Lescinova and M Karantzias (Cyprus), 15-2, 15-12; W Wilk, and B Silver (Pol) bit G Kumipraniar end B Langtbaler (Austria), 15-2, 15-12; N Wilk, and B Silver (Pol) bit G Kumipraniar end B Langtbaler (Austria), 15-2, 15-12; N Nanov and J Marchynesko (CS) bit S Dimbour end S Laferra (Fr), 15-12, 15-11; J Allen and E Alan (Scot) bit S Albrecht and S Wilbowo (Switz), 15-8, 18-16; M Yakushera and M Andrievskaya (CS) bit A Nelm and J Haldaria (Scot), 15-18, 15-4, 18-17; A Delo and C Forian (Hun) bit D Koleva and V Hristova (But), 15-12, 13-15, 15-9; B Syta and B Haracz (Pol) hit R Natural (Isa) and S Kaultanen (Fin), 15-9, 15-1; S Williams and H Tariston (Wales) bit B Delpace and P Insen (H), 15-6, 15-2; J Plunktatt and S McGion (Ira) bit S Ploner and S Ploner (Austria), 15-13, 18-17, 18-17. Sacond round: L Xiao Cing and C Magnusson (Swe) bit C Doheny and A Stephens (Ira), 15-8, 15-8; S Sankey and G Gowers (Eng) wo H Berinbou and A Gowers (Eng) wo H Berinbou and A Glower (Pol) bit N Hopps and K Morgam (Wales), 17-14, 15-3; N Necialhova and Englavor and Marynenito bit Allen and Allen, 15-7, 15-8; Yakushawi and Andrievskaya bit Daleo and Forian, 15-5, 15-5, 15-1, 15-1; 15-1

FOR THE RECORD

Tarleton, 15-7, 15-4; Clark and Bradbury bt Plunkett and McGirm, 15-3, 15-1.

Missed doubles: First round: 15-3, 15-1.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnett Reds 3. Atlanta Braves 1: Houston Astros 5. Los Angeles Dodgers 4, 3l Louis Cardinals 4. Montreal Expos 2. Pittsburgh Prittes 7. Chicago Cube 2. New York Mets 7. Philosophia Phillies 2: San Dego Padres 5. San Francisco Glants 3.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 5,
Baltimore Orioles 5: Detroil Tigers 8,
Clevsland Indians 1: Toronto Bue Jays 2,
New York Yarnkes 0; Seartie Mariners 6,
Chicago White Sox 0; Milwaukee Brewers
7. Minnesola Twims 4 (10 innings)
Quidand A's 10. Fansas City Royals 6,
Yexas Rangers 3, Californis, Angals 2.

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CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-offe: Second legs: Kingston 98 (rish 28, Saunders 18, Cunningham 18, Mailer 11), Birmingham Bullets 74 (Koretz 17, Alen 18, Resen 12); Themse Valley Tigers 103 (Peed 27, Obaseld 19, Lloyd 17), Hennel Hempsteed Royals 31 (Penovics 24), Kingston and Thames Valley with series 2-0 and qualify for Wembby finals.

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Third-place play-off: Philips Mian (Italy) 39, Estudientes Machid 61, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MBA): Allente Hawks 95, New York Knicks 94, Boston Geniles EZ Delmit Pistone 82: Charlotte Homets 115, Clevistand Cavelers 107, Orlando Magic 102, Philadelphia 78ers 83; Portland Trail Blazzers 100, Daslas Mavericks 94; Derver Nuggets 110, Los Angeles Lakers 107; Utah Jazz 130, Houston Rockets 96.

BOWLS ELY: Robert Hutchinson Opticiens In-ternational Masters: Final: G Herlow (Ely) bt K King (Ely), 9-8, 7-9, 9-8.

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IWORCESTER: Warcastereinte 219-8 off 50 overs (7 M Moody 63), Warwickshire 220-6 off 50 overs (A J Moles 63). Warwickshire won by 4 wists.

WEST HILL: Father and sons foursome: Fourth round: JA and R Pigget
(W Middlesex) bt J Beldwin (Tandgot)
and A J Beldwin (E Berks). 2 and 1: D H
and A D J Greenheigh (Royal Mid-Burrey)
bt A C and J A Stapleton (Gertards
Crosa). 2 and 1: T W G and R Betts
Manning Heath) bt P J R and A W
Bathurst (Hankley Common). 4 and 3: R J
and J H Lavate (Hentstree) bt I W and A
W Boyd (Bertastree) bt I W and A
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word is Attac (Worpleadon). 1 hole; D W
and T G Sylos (East Deven) bt E and R E
Pearce (Riegate Heath), 2 and 1: M
Lawson (Stoneham) and P M Lawson
(Hockley) bt E R and V R Beltes (Stoke
Poges). 7 and S. Fifth round: Piggott and
Piggott bt Greenheigh and Greenheigh, 4
and 3: Betts and Betts bt Lavelle and
Lavale, 3 and 2; Batter and Boader bt
Nash and Nash, 7 and 6; Sykes and Sykes
bt Lawson and Lawson, 1 hole.

PARIS: World champlonships: Men: Floor exercise: 1, V Scherbo (CIS), 8,850pts: 2, G Meurin (CIS), 9,800; equal 3, L Xaschuang (China) and M Riesner (C2), Pommel horse: 1, Pae Gal-su (N Korl, 9,900, 2, Scherbo, 9,850; 3, Li Jing (China), 9,825.

CANNOCIC Six-nations youth tourna-ment: Men: Under-18: Switzerland 0, Netherlands 18; France 0, Spain 2; England 3, Germany 3; Under-16: Eng-land 2, Germany 1; Netherlands 8, Scottend 1; France 1, Spain 4, Women (Gristol): Under-18: England 1, Spain 2; France 0, Germany 3; Scottand 0, Netherlands 8; Under-18: England 8, Scottand 0; Spain 0, Germany 6; Nether-lands 7, Belgium 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Curebec Nordiques 4, Buffelo Sabres 3: Boston Bruins 4, Montreal Canadiens 4 (OT): New York Islanders 7, New Jersey Devis 0: Harriord Whaters 4, Philadelphia Piyers 3 (OT): Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Washington Capitals 1; Toronto Mepla Least 4, New York Rangers 2, Calgary Flames 4, San Jose Sharks 3.

ICE HOCKEY

**REAL TENNIS** OUEEN'S CLUB, London: George Wimpey British amateur chemolonship: Cuerter-finale: J Snow bit A Corley, 8-0, 8-0, 6-0; A Page bit T Warburg, 6-3, 6-2, 8-5; N Pendrigh bit J Ward, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

RUGBY UNION MADRID: World junior championship: Argentina 92, Chans 3; Franca 50, Uniquaty 3; Insty 100, Belgiam 13; Roma-nia 44, Germany 3, Monocco 6, Świtze-land 3; Paraguey 24, Tunista 13. HEHNECH LEAGUIS: First division: Nowbridge 21, Newport 3.

TABLE TENNIS STUTTGART: European champion-ships: Men's team event: Final: Sweden bt England, 4-1 (Sweden names first J Porsson bt Chen Xinhus, 21-8, 21-16; M Appelgren lost to C Preen, 19-21, 16-21; J O Waldner bt M Syed, 21-14, 21-10; Weldner and Appelgren bt Preen and A Cooks, 21-15, 21-14; Persson bt Preen, 21-18, 21-13)

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Halifax 37, Huli 16; Wekefield 30, Leeds 24; Wigen 28, St Helens 14. TEMNIS

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TAMPA, Florida: ATP men's tournament: Second round: M Flippen! (Liv.) bt B Shelton (LIS), 3-8, 6-3, 8-4; M Geritz (Sp.) bt M Streiba (Cz), 6-1, 6-1; M Washington (LS) bt F Roses (Br), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; M Flippen (Liv.) bt B Shelton (LS), 3-6, 8-3, 6-4, C Mezzach (Switz) bt T Marin (US), 7-6, 6-3.

HOUSTON: Women's tournament: Second round: M Seles (Yug) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-1, 6-5; M Meleova (But) bt F Alter (Can), 6-2, 7-6; Z Garrason (US) bt E Burger (US), 6-1, 6-4; G Ferrandez (US) bt C Rubm (US), 5-3, 6-3; S Marison (US), 6-2, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt J Grabb (US), 6-2, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-5, 6-3; S Matisonka (Japen) bt W Mastur (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; J Semerink (Neth) bt B Karthacher (Ger), 7-5, 7-5, 7-5

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NICE: Men's tournament: Second round: H Leconta (Fr) bi T Carbonel (Sp), 6-3.6-1; P Sempras (US) bi A Gómez (Eb), 7-6; 7-5; J Sánchez (Sp) bi N Kurli (Swe), 6-1.6-2; G Forget (Fr) bi G López (Sp), 6-2, 6-3.

#### Butcher injured

Alan Butcher, the Glamorgan captain and opening batsman, has been ruled out of the county's opening Sunday League match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston this weekend because he is recovering from a calf injury.

#### Start for Seymour

Adam Seymour, an opening batsman, will make his first appearance for Worcestershire in the three-day match with Oxford University, which starts at The Parks RUGBY UNION 27

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Try worth five points to encourage attack

# Board brings in new laws to speed up game

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), having held its breath on law changes for the last four years, released it with a gusty sigh yesterday. Though the wording of the laws themselves has yet to be made known, a wide-ranging series of changes has been agreed with the intention of speeding up the game and removing what the board describes as "irritating stoppages".

The supremacy of the try over the goal-kick has been emphasised by changing its value from four to five points - the first change in values since 1971, when the try increased from three to four. Thus a converted try will be worth seven points, the nega-tive side of which is that teams may feel able to risk conceding two penalty kicks (worth six points) without being overtaken.

However the value of the dropped goal, so historic a feature of rugby, remains intact at three points; the life of the drop kick, too, is en-hanced by its adoption as the way to restart after a score, although, in the sixth comprehensive review of the laws since the last century and the fourth since the second world war, players will be barred from dropping at goal follow-ing a free kick.

The IRFB, at the end of its annual meeting in Welling-ton, ran the gamut of bushness from amateurism to tours, but the greatest weight concerned the laws and the debate between the two hemispheres: the north, concerned with traditional aspects of the

#### TOMOBROW

A special competition for Times golfing readers, the prizes being three places — two for men, one for a woman — alongside Anders Forsbrand and Helen Alfredsson, the leading Swedish professionals, in an exclusive event at Wentworth to mark Volvo's sponsorship of the PGA championship next month.

☐ Try to be worth five points — no other change in values but a team awarded a free kick may not score a dropped goal until the ball next becomes deard.
☐ After a tackle, any other player (not involved in the tackle) must be on his feet when he plays the ball.
☐ In general play, offside players may not advance towards a player waiting to play the ball until they have been put on side.
☐ It will be illegal to intentionally fit an opponent off his feet or force him upwards at a scrum.
☐ Five-metra scrums to be awarded opposite the place where the ball becomes dead and not where it crosses the goel-line.

The scrum half may not take any action to suggest the bell has left

☐ A free kick finding touch on the full (from outside the 22) will gain no

game, against the south, keen to offer an effective counter to rugby league.
In fact, the two may not be

so far apart, since so much of rugby union's play hinges on interpretation. For example, the suggestion that the first player to reach a tackle must be on his feet when he plays the ball merely repeats a law which was applied so firmly by Jim Fleming, the Scottish referee, in the opening match of the World Cup.

"I would hope the changes would produce a more attractive spectacle, to give greater stimulus to pass the ball and run with it, rather than kick it," Roger Vanderfield, the board chairman, said. Ceriainiy ine iaws may reduce set-piece play and encourage teams to become more creative, if they have the will to implement them positively.

Southern-hemisphere

countries can introduce the changes as soon they wish, but Australia and Scotland aiready have an agreement that existing laws apply to the Scottish tour in May; the same will apply to Ireland in New Zealand, who aim to

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throw-in from any point nearer his own goal-line.

I From a kick-off, if the ball crosses the defenders' goal-line without being touched, that team may have a scrum on halfway. The natural size a score will be with a demonated kink. ☐ Up to four reg

injury.

Coaches may come on the field at half-time in under-19 games and in such drammid: matches as a union may authorise.

A players' union or affiliated organisation may cite a player for toul play that has not been drammid by match officials.

Twelve penalty provisions have been changed to free kicks, including the deliberate knock-on, filegal lineout support, handling the ball at ruck or scrum, and time-wasting.

Experimental variations

 At a maul, if the bell becomes unplayable or the maul becomes stationary, the team not in possession at the start of the maul will lead the continue country. remain at the start of the maul will feed the ensuing scrum; the same applies to a ruck except where the referent caunot determine the term responsible for making the ball unplayable.

If at lineoute, there must be one matre between each line, players jumping must use both hands or his inside arm, but players may not step across the line of touch.

introduce the new laws on June 7. The Rugby Football Union has indicated its desire that the present laws apply to their B tour in New Zealand in June and July. The question of eligibility

for international matches remains unresolved, and will probably arise at the interim council meeting November.

Among professionalised players reinstated as amateurs is Terry Holmes, the former Wales and British Isles scrum half, who signed league forms for Bradford Northern. Other reinstated are - England: D. K. Hill, S. D. Wilson, M Chester; Scotland: D. M. Rose; Wales: M Price, D Watkins, E. V Watkins, P Bennett; Australia: C Roche, A D'Arcy. The gap between the last receipt of

statement has been reduced from five to three years. Two more countries. Bermuda and Lithuania, have been admitted to membership of the IRFB, but no further details will emerge of the 1995 World Cup in South Africa before the tournament organising committee has

material benefit and rein-

South Africa, confirmed this week as hosts of the 1995 World Cup, are to withdraw from their proposed tour of Romania and Italy in June, after criticism that they should concentrate first on a development programme for the black townships. Their return to international rugby will now be against New Zealand on August 15.

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Lord of the ring: Graham Gooch unleashes another commanding shot through the covers during his fine 75 for Essex against England A at Lord's yesterday. Photograph: Alistair Grant. Report, page 26

# County game's traditions will disappear under reforms

BY PETER BALL

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COUNTY cricket is facing its biggest change since the in-troduction of the one-day game 30 years ago. The three-day match, the basis of English first-class cricket this century, will virtually disappear next season if the Murray committee proposals are accepted by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) meeting on May 19.

The committee, which was set up in September under the chairmanship of Mike Murray to review the struc-ture of the first-class game. has proposed radical restructuring of both the county championship and the oneday competitions. Only the NatWest Trophy survives untouched.

The Murray committee is the third, following the Clark Report and, three years ago. the Palmer committee to assemble a package of major changes. The two others failed to gain a majority, but Murray, the chairman of Middlesex and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) finance committee, exuded an air of quiet confi-

dence vesterday. The Paimer committee made no attempt to explain the rationale behind the report to the counties, they just prepared and presented it, and that's why it didn't succeed." Murray said. "I'm This time, his committee

has carried on extensive consultations. Suggestions yesno group metches.

Cl Sunday Leegue to become 50 overs a side, sharting at 12 noon.

Coloured clothing may be worn. terday were that there will be wide support. Lancashire. who were traditionaly opponents, are supportive, and-there were indications that Yorkshire will also fall into

Chris Hassell, the Yorkshire chief executive, sald: "Our committee has always been opposed to a four-day championship but we may have to come to terms with the tide of current opinion. My initial view about the proposals which were made

public today, is they have a lot commendable aspects.
"I also don't think the fears of some counties about the membership, will worry some proposed new structure will

If the recommendations are accepted, the county grounds. championship will consist of 17 four-day matches, all beginning on Thursday. Teams will alternate be-

tween nine and eight home fixtures. The alternative view of retaining three-day games but uncovering the pitches was considered but rejected because of the priority given to Test cricket in the committee's deliberations. "The working party took

be substantiated."

☐ County chempionship to consist of 17 four-day games.
☐ Benson and Hedges Cup to consist only of knockout matches,

the view that Tests will never be played on uncovered pitches, and thought that England players would be playing with

one hand behind their back if they went into Tests with inadequate practice in the conditions," Murray said." That is bound to provoke some heated response from traditionalists, while the loss of cricket, with potentially se-rious consequences for their

counties, particularly those like Essex and Yorkshire who play a lot of cricket on out The five-day structure of a four-day game, with the Sunday League matches played in conjunction with championship games giving a five-

day run at one venue, will go some way to answering criticism, however, and the reduction in travelling is an andoubted benefit. The changes will enable the season to start later, with an

early concentration on the

attractive, but the financial implications of the proposed reforms will concern the counties, aithough they are dfficult to quantify. Estimates of the effect of

the changes to the championhip range from a loss of £139,000 at one county on a worst case example to a profit of £76,000 at another county

In all, with the changes to the one-day competitions also taken into account, couraies are expected to lose around £20,000 to £25,000, a figure which the marketing arm believes will be quickly made up.

The changes to the one-day competitions are generally likely to prove less contentious. The format of the Benson and Hedges Cup will be altered, with the group matches abandoned in favour of a straight knockout competition.

A bigger change comes in the Sunday League, the bete noire of the purists but staff of life for the impecunious coun-

The committee recommend that the games should increase from 40 to 50 overs a side, starting at 12, and finishing at 7pm, with a forty minute interval at 3.10pm.

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#### Counties in the driving seat

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

FOR the next month, English cricket will stand at the crossroads like a dithering motorist. The counties have been presented with a new and exciting direction, a bypass to the wearisome congestion their game has increasingly suffered. Will they take the streamlined route, or settle for the safety

of the familiar road? A working party, under Mike Murray, was set up arnid general scorn. Why, it was asked, should it have any more success against reactionary tendencies than several similar committees in the past? Already, it has provided some compelling answers by approaching its task assiduously, consulting broadly, and adopting a refreshing openness.

If the proposals unveiled yesterday were not thought remarkable, it is because they are the very reforms for which players, coaches, me-dla, umpires — indeed, almost everyone involved in the game - have been clamouring for some years. The lissenters, almost to a man, have been the committee men who now, of course. have the decisive voice.

Previous attempts to introduce a four-day championship and to improve the cricketing appeal of the Sunday league and Benson and Hedges Cup have met with objections put ostensibly on financial grounds but, in many cases, founded on parochial prejudices and a fear of the unknown.

Of course, there will be certain sacrifices to be made for the general good. Now, surely, they must be seen as worthwhile, because the framework for the 1994 season, which the working party has created, is more attractive for players and speciators than the confused mess of recent years.

Championship games would be played only once a week, and always on the same days. Sundays would contain a proper one-day game and Tuesdays would belong to knockout cricket.

The season would begin later, with more chance of civilised weather and none of the fragmenting frustration of zonal one-day cricket, and would proceed in an organised routine. The championship would be authentic, at last, each side playing the others once. The players would have so much travelling and Test players would play a higher proportion of games.

It all makes so much

sense that I am filled with a perverse dread of the decision which will be announced on May 19. This time, it seems, the clubs cannot turn their backs on reform . . . but do not risk a bet on it.

# Barcelona reach for main prize

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THERE will be new champions in each of Europe's three football club competitions next month. None of the six teams disputing the finals has won its respective trophy before, although Barcelona, Sampdoria's opponents in the European Cup final at Wembley on May 20, have finished runners-up on two occasions.

They also defeated Sampdoria 2-0 in the 1989 Cup Winners' Cup final in Berne, but unlike their rivals for the Spanish League, Real Madrid, the six-time European champions, it has never been Barcelona's privelege to win the main event.

Sampdoria, who have reached the final at the first attempt, return to the scene of their 1990 pre-season Makita Trophy success. Should they win again it will be the third triumph in four years for Italian clubs, AC Milan having done so in 1989 and

Theoretically the final should provide a fascinating contrast, Barcelona's adventurous approach against Sampdoria's slightly more cautious style, but if last year's final between Red Star Belgrade and Marseilles was an

example of an anticipation best forgotten in reality, no-body will be expecting too much this time.

Between them the clubs had reached the Cup Winners' Cup final in each of the last three seasons. Both teams were favourites to advance from their semi-final groups. instigated for the first time this season and the subject of so much criticism. The groups went down to

the last games, with Barcelona needing to beat Benfica to ensure their place and Sampdoria requiring at least a point at home to Panathinaikos. Barcelona duly won 2-I but at Wembley they will be without Amor in midfield after a second booking.

Sampdoria scraped a 1-1 draw against the Greeks, who thus failed to win any of their six games, but led this time after 26 minutes. The Italians levelled through Mancini but would still have qualified had they lost as Red Star lost 3-2 at Anderlecht.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Monaco's 2-2 draw against Feyenoord in Rotterdam secured their place in the final on away goals after a 1-1 firstleg draw. They meet Werder Bremen in Lisbon on May 6. the first European final for both clubs, the first in this

competition for a French club, and only the sixth in all for French clubs in Europe. None of the previous five has seilles in spite of all the millions of francs spent in the attempt by Bernard Tapie, their president.

Tapie, incidentally, who is also the French urban affairs minister, and Marseilles, are one of nine French clubs under investigation by the fraud squad. The justice ministry has reopened inquiries into alleged embezzlement involving transfer fees.

Bremen, trailing 1-0 to Club Bruges, beat the Bel-gians 2-0 in the return, with Manfred Bockenfeld's sixuieth-minute goal decisive. The defender was later carried off after a collision with the Bruges goalkeeper, Danny Verlinden, but doctors told him that he had only bruised his shin that was feared to be broken.

Bockenfield is expected to be available for the final but Oliver Reck will not be so lucky. Bremen's goalkeeper, booked in the second half, incurred his second yellow card of the competition.

The game, like the first leg. was soured by crowd trouble, which left a German, aged 38, in critical condition yes-

terday after being hit in the chest by a signal rocket dur-ing the first half. Three Belgians were

arrested in connection with the shooting and a signal flare gun in their possession was confiscated. Altogether, police arrested 12 Belgians and nine Germans for rowdy Ajax Amsterdam, who have

won everything except the Uefa Cup, reached the final of that competition despite being held 1-1 at home by Genoa, whose failure, 4-3 on aggregate, prevented a third successive all-Italian final. Torino, who beat Real Madrid 2-0 for a 3-2 aggregate win, will face Ajax in the twoleg final on April 29 and May

☐ The Belgian coach, Paul van Himst, has called an uncapped forward, Gunther Hofmans, into his 16-man squad for next week's World Cup qualifier against Cyprus. Hofmans, who plays for Ekeren, could replace the injured Luc Nilis, of Anderlecht.

D Joel Bats, the French team's goalkeeper during its successful years of the 1980s, is retiring at the end of the season although he will continue as a coach for Paris

#### Sella confused by tour omission

BY CHRIS THAU

THE casual manner of the announcement that the senior French backs, Jean-Baptiste Lafond, Franck Mesnel and Philippe Sella, the captain during the five nations' championship, were going to miss the tour to Argentina indicated a degree of concensus by all concerned; players, coaches and managers. Not so, according to Sella.

"I have not been consulted and I don't understand the decision," he said. Pierre Berbizier, the coach

of the team, explained: "I spoke to Sella, Mesnel and Lafond and asked them to take a break from the game. I think they are worn out and I believe they need a rest in order to regenerate.

"I want to take to Argentina a group of young players to blood them for future competitions. We are all aware that we need a new side by 1995 and if we don't start to bring youngsters in some-where we will be caught unprepared by the World Cup. I've told the three that I count on them for the Springbok series in the autumn, Berbizier said.

Sella, though, believes there is a more sinister motive behind the move. "There is a strong similarity between the way Camberabero and Lagisquet got the push and the way we are treated," Sella

"I'm not tired at all. The only person who could say whether I need a rest or not is myself. Besides, when you go on tour with a young side you need an old wise head around. The captain is part of the team and if you want to develop the side you need a captain as well, don't you?

"And, what is going to happen to the captain who is taking France to Argentina when they come back? Are they going to drop him." The author of the plan to

use the tour to Argentina to launch a new generation for the 1995 World Cup is Robert Paparemborde, a big influence in the French federation. However, while the idea to bring new talent into the ranks is commendable, the painful truth is that there is not a centre of Sella's quality in French rugby.



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What women can expect with hormone replacement



"I have learnt to conduct worship in small groups. You cannot sing the psalms. You do not attempt the Te Deum": Canon David Woodwards at All Saints Church in Stoke Ash, Suffolk, one of four medieval

# Resurrection of hope

considering most of the floor be-Friday tragedy, according to Christian belief, is that the death of neath it had gone. With the floor, it is costing £3,800." He remains optimistic. "I believe

oday, in a small medieval

church in north Suffolk, Canon David Wood-

wards will close his eyes

and lead a handful of supplicants

in contemplation of Jesus's suffer-

ing and death on the cross. Their

Christ opened the gates of everlast-

ing life to mankind,
This consoling thought is helpful

to Christians throughout the

church. But in particular it helps

the clergy, to some of whom every Sunday can seem like a living Good Friday, and who wonder if

and when the Church of England

will be resurrected from its century-

In some parishes, the resurrec-

tion will come this Sunday in more

ways than one. Every year, Easter Sunday, along with the harvest festival and Christmas, sees a

doubling and even tripling of

congregations.
Clergy have also been encour-

aged by the most recent church

attendance figures, which showed

that the decline seems to have

bottomed out, somewhat to the

surprise of the church's own statisti-

cians. According to the figures from

Church House, the administrative

headquarters, 1.155 million people

attended Anglican services each Sunday in 1989, 24 per 1,000 of

the population and the same pro-

portion of the population as the

previous two years. The figure in

1970, however, was 1.542 million, or 33 per 1,000.

a country parson for 20 years, has

been in his present benefice since

1989. Rural dean of Hartismere.

his living takes in four churches for

six villages, including Thorndon, Rishangles, Stoke Ash, Thwaite

and Wetheringsett. Populations

vary between 80 and 600, and

church attendance between ten and

Canon Woodwards, a traditional evangelical who recently celebrated

his 25th anniversary in holy orders.

was depressed at first by small

congregations. "I have never had

enormous numbers come into my church," he says. "I have learnt the

hard way that you cannot attempt to be a cathedral when you are a

small parish church. I have learnt

to conduct worship in small groups.

You cannot sing the psalms. You do

not attempt the Te Deum. You

adjust the prayer book, you do not

on a winter's morning and face six

people. I rush to the next church and face ten. Then I begin to

wonder what it is all about. I have

been angry and frustrated, but my

faith has never been tested. I have

always believed that God is there. It

is just that I am not as conscious of

Like most country parsons, he lives on a perpetual financial knife-

edge. "All the churches need mon-

ey spending on them. People are

pretty positive about that, even

though there is not much money

about. We seem to find it somehow.

We are getting a new organ at

There are times when I go out

go woodenly through it.

Him on some days."

Canon Woodwards, aged 56 and

The paradox of the Good

that God called me to this type of ministry. I speak with hope about the rural church. I am not despondent about it, even though it makes me angry sometimes.

"I find that the institution of the church is very wobbly in places. You cannot get people to sit on parochial church councils, become church wardens. Trying to get people onto the deanery synod is the nadir of anyone's experience. They cannot see the relevance of it. But talk to them about prayer. Bible study. faith and even meditation, and they warm to that."

He expects about 100 people in church this Sunday. "There is a residual faith and I do not knock that. But I am obviously frustrated that I do not see them at other times. When I am visiting them, I try to work on what is there rather than condemn what is not." The Church of England is

organised through a system of parish boundaries which was firmv established by the early medieval period, when every member of the population of 2.5 million was in close contact with the church and

parish priest.
The end of the last century and the beginning of this are often seen as the golden age of the rural church. But as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's report Faith in the Countryside points out, it was during this period that the general perception of rural ministry as being the church's second elevThe rise in church congregations over Easter can do wonders

for the morale of the rural clergy, Ruth Gledhill reports en, a backwater suitable for the less

energetic and able, began to estab-In 1899 Archbishop Randall Davidson blamed the bicycle for having a particularly deleterious effect on church attendance, and the first world war brought further changes to social conventions. In

numerical terms, the church has never recovered. From the turn of the century the number of dergy began to decline from its peak of more than 25,000 in 1901. Each rural deanery has lost one clergyman every 15 years this century. n the 1920s, the policy of providing a clergyman for every parish was abandoned.

1931 the number of Anglican clergy had fallen by more than 6,000. Today there are about 10.500 clergy nationwide, and rural dergy can find themselves ministering to more than six parishes each, with no curate or secretarial help.

The Rev Michael Braithwaite, aged 57, has three churches in the Buttermere Valley in the Lake District. He does not fit the traditional picture of a country parson. He came to the ministry 18 years ago after a diverse career which took in time as a hill shepherd, dairy herdsman and eight years spent among South American indians.

Today he will lead a three-hour

Buttermere. Loweswater and Lotton through some of the most stunning scenery in England. He

expects to collect about 45 churchgoers en route. More than 80 people attend his combined Sunday services, with numbers often swelled by visitors. From a total population of about 500, this means an attendance rate better than in most towns.

"At Easter we get 150 and we are completely packed out at Christmas," he says. "If you feel you are one with the congregation and are getting a response, size need not be of the essence. There is no need to be put off by a small congregation. It is great when we get 150 and raise the roof."

He is careful not to criticise those who turn out only for the festivals. "Thank goodness they come," he says. "I do not get frustrated about that I know farmers are looking after stock and coming to church is difficult.'

Canon Humphrey York, aged 63, has two parishes. Antony and Sheviock, in Cornwall. He says about a dozen people go to church in the former, and up to 50 in the latter. "I have been in the ministry in the country for 30 years," he says. "One of the first things you learn is patience. You do not get results in five minutes."

In the smaller parish, which has an aging population, more people receive communion at home than pilgrimage to churches in go to church. As an Anglo-Catholic, Canon York has a reputation for revitalising worship while adhering to tradition

"In my last benefice, in mid-Cornwall, one parish had a very small congregation, about eight people. My predecessor had died there. So had his predecessor, and so had his. The last incumbent to leave the parish in anything other than his coffin was in 1908, and he outstayed his welcome for 30 years, going on until he was 88." Canon York built the congregation up to

about 40. Canon York trained at St Chad's in Durham, where he was taught and ordained by Michael Ramsey, future Archbishop of Canterbury. "You go into the ministry with great confidence, thinking things are bound to get better." he says. "My only object was to serve. I think you assumed in those days that by working away diligently you

would get a respons "In some ways it is better. There is a much deeper sense of commit-ment among many church people. There used to be a general feeling that most people were Christians and they could go to church when they liked. That has disappeared."

He writes a fresh sermon every week. "Once a sermon is delivered, t goes in the waste paper basket. It belongs to that Sunday and that year only. I used to keep them, but then vanity disappeared. I take one week to think about it, one hour to write it and ten minutes to deliver it. I know people take note. They might not say anything straight away but they often do later on.

arlier in his ministry, he experienced doubt and depression. "Doubt, not that the faith is untrue, but doubt in the sense of, 'Can it keep me going? But then most lives have a great deal of personal serback and difficulty. The clergy are no exception.

"In some ways they are worse off. because they are expected to keep going and look cheerful. We are not allowed the luxury of a good howl. although I do it when nobody is looking.

A frisson of excitement must have been felt by the three churchgoers in the tiny hamlet of Creacombe, Devon, when the Rev Laurence Meering, aged 43, a former chemistry teacher, arrived in their midst. His benefice also takes in Worlington, Witheridge. Thelbridge and Meshaw.

. Mr Meering is a charismatic evangelical. He asked that I pray with him over the telephone before agreeing to an interview. Since he arrived in his new benefice in 1987, he says local churchgoers have experienced "gifts of the spirit", such as speaking in

but I found it very helpful to hear of was asked how he went on preaching to such a small number, time and time again. "He said it is not just the people

At Creacombe, they rarely sing

hymns. "It is not worth it with so

few," Mr Meering says. "We import an organist for harvest.

"I have been in the ministry for

nearly 11 years, but am more of a

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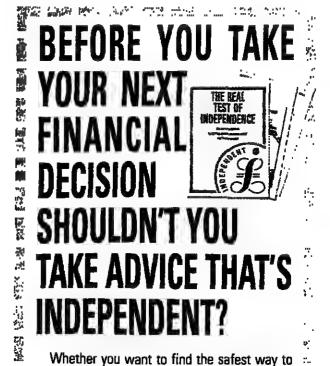
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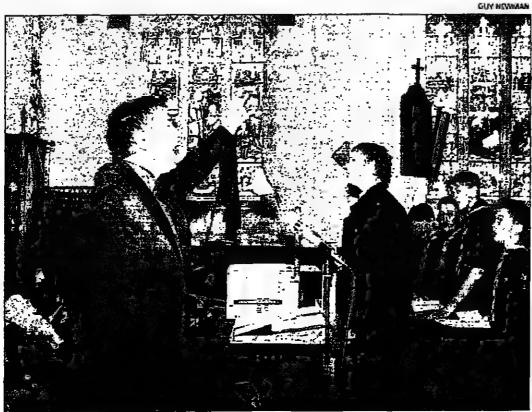


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Hallelujah chorus: Laurence Meering brings charismatic evangelism to his flock in rural Devon

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TREK MUKHAMEDOV AND COMPANY: A new group formed by the former Boishoi star consisting of Royal later colleanues who well need nater coleagues who will perform in their off-duty hours, taking halfet to smaller theaties. Besides the usual bravura show pieces, they will give new works made for them by three Royal Choreographers: Matthew Hart, Ashley Page and William Tuckett. Albambra Theating Andres Come

MOSCOW CITY BALLET: Now on its troupe, founded seven years ago by Victor Smirnou-Golovanov, brings its production of 7the Steeping Beauty to London The company is notable for its younger talented dancers Sadler's Wells Theatre, Roseberg Avenue, London EC 1 (071-278 8916),

MANSLAUGHTER: The BAC puts on a special benefit performance of Robin Brown's new play on the relationship to between women and the husbands the Lift, inspeed by the events surrounding the Sara Thorritor court case. BAC Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223), bornorrow, 3pm

#### THEATRE GUIDE

compiled by Karl Knight

Christopher Gillett and John Connell in

Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), today, 2.30pm.

performances of Bach's St John Passion by the London Handel Chorrand

Rogers Covey-Crump as the Evangelas, Timothy West as Christus (St George's); Nicholas Kraemer directs the London Bach Orchestra Tearuring soprano

Sentony makes its London debut with

music interpretation conducted by Catherine Mackintosh (St John's); and

Choral Society in St Marthew Passon with soloists Adnan Thompson, William Shimmell, Yvonne Kenny, Catherine Wyn Rogers (Festival Hall)
St George's, Hanover Square, W1 (881-336 (990), 2.30pm, Queen Piresherth Will Screek Bush Landers

Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SEI (071-928 8800), 7pm, St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 4pm Festival Hall, South Bank

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THE CHOIR OF KING'S COLLEGE:

Stephen Cleabury conducts the choir in the annual Easter Saturday performance of Bach's St John Passion Soloists joining the Choir are Gillian

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ane Glover conducts the Londo

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Young Vic. The Cur. SE1 (071-620 OH11928 6-632). Mort-Sat. 7 15pm, mats Thurs, Sat. Zpm. 210mms.

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as Rat as a puzza Cornedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Wed, 3pm, mai Sat, 4pm, 135mms ☐ REFLECTED GLORY: Abert Finney very funny as the victim of a play by his brother, Stephen Moore, after this good start Ronald Harvenod's new comedy peters out Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Fn, Spm, Sal, 8 30pm, mat: Wed, 2 30pm, Sal, 5pm. [] SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is ab ewarm. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7,45pm mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 165mms.

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#### THEATRE

# Lessons in cheating at charades

THE conman is the most morally instructive as well as the meanest of criminals. He preys on people's weaknesses, and yet exposes the avarice and folly of those who press him with gifts in hopes of buying his influence, or being named in his will or financing the get-rich-quick schemes he has accidentally-on-purpose suggested.

No wonder conmen fascinated Ben Jonson, the most zealous of all English dramatists when it came to ridiculing the stupidly self-seeking. No wonder they are at the centre of his best plays. Volpone and The Alchemist.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's revival of the later of these has changed little en route from Stratford to London. Despite an opening in which the two main twisters murderously eveball each other. Face brandishing a dagger and Subtle a Jacobean molotov cocktail, there is still little harshness or cruelty in Sam Mendes's production. Nobody gets badly burned, as in a darker, more complete reading they might. But the Jonson who took a scathing glee in brazen fiddles and nimbly improvised scams is served as well as before.

The bravura mischief seems no less captivating for being transposed from the Swan's bare thrust-stage to a crescent of antique walls and doors backed by a giant lithograph of the City skyline. There may be little love lost between David Bradley's sour. suspicious Subtle and Jonathan Hyde's sty. slimy Face; but when they go to work they instinctively slip into a team as slick as any now fleecing the tourists on Oxford Street.

The anachronisms in Mendes's production largely involve the costumes: Spanish ruffs are mingled with grey flannel knickerbockers. The phrase "three-card trick", casually inserted into the text, seems more

NIGERIAN bank notes are printed in

a pretty shade of pink, and when the

rapacious characters of Bode

Sowande's play toss them in the air

they float to the ground like magnolia

petals, or the breast-feathers of

Phoenicopterus ruber. But this is not a

play that concerns itself with ornitholo

gy: its title is the code-name for a back-

up plan to foment a popular uprising if

The coup has been plotted by two

senior officers whose youthful exploits

Sowande recounted in two earlier

plays. Since these have not yet been

performed in this country, our igno-

rance of the relevant background

makes the characters seem rather

though a well-written programme-note

supplies a useful account of the

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The officer (played by Joseph

boom years in the 1970s.

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the projected army coup should fail.

The Alchemist Barbican

forgivable than most such additions. Yet such chicanery would be smalltime stuff for this duo, especially when they are reinforced by Joanne Pearce's peppy Doll Common. One moment they are in their grimy vests, waiting for something to happen. The next. Hyde has magicked himself into a troglodyte sorcerers apprentice or what looks like a colonel in the Black and Tans, with eyepatch and buccaneering swagger, and Bradley is a turbaned magus chanting mantras inside a ring of shamanic stones, or a white-coated scientist wearing a Davey lamp, or a cadaverous ascetic tottering out of the red smoke of his alchemist's lah, or a towering spook with a conical Ku Klux Klan hat.

As I suspect is often the case with conmen, the role is reality. The more far-out they become, the more authentic these people seem to feel. After all, it quite an achievement to keep four or five charades simultaneously on the go.

Guy Henry's hysterical Ananias must be convinced that counterfeiting is good puritan practice and Philip Voss's Epicure Mammon that a few crowns more will buy him the philosopher's stone. Albie Woodington's superstitious Abel Drugger keeps appearing at the door, to ask which star-signs are the luckiest for his tobacco shop.

Meanwhile, Christopher Luscombe's bank clerk sits blindfolded in the privy, waiting for the fairy queen to materialise. This indeed she does, complete with ten-foot-high wedding dress and Buckingham Palace accent.

Of the victims, Voss's Mammon is the most Jonsonian, a depraved Humpty Dumpty simpering out his

Slick team: Subtle (David Bradley, left) and Face (Jonathan Hyde)

alomanisc rapacity though redblack lips; but the character [ was happiest to see a second time was Drugger. This was the most famous of Garrick's comic roles: as he played it, a sad simpleton who thought himself the canniest of opportunists. Woodington may not have the same

variety; but I shan't quickly forget his affably gormless manner, or a whitegrey slab-face that somehow contrives to look as if a cheese, a squid and a mouldering menhir have been rolled into one. He is great fun. So is the play.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

#### THEATRE

#### **Dramatic coup succeeds**

Flamingo Gate, Notting Hill

Charles) who becomes President after the coup never does acquire much cohesion as a character: he is an efficient soldier, but if he was once an idealist he has now turned pragmatist; and he is soon in cahoots with the

The play's moral centre is Moniran. iven a tough Bogartish honesty by Colin McFarlane, who resigns from the new government and exiles himself to a remote spot to grow vegetables in his native soil. His motives are suspected and, because the coup has changed

crooked politicians he replaced.

nothing, his former colleagues assume he is plotting to put Flamingo into operation: he is watched, tested and betrayed.

The scenes that show Moniran resisting temptation repeat the same few arguments: the author's dramatic craft is less assured when presenting a detailed case for patriotism. His skills at this period of his career (on the eve of the 1982 army coup) are displayed to better effect in briefer scenes, such as the one that shows a valiant journalist (Patrice Naiambons) resisting a bribe from his hospital bed, or the many episodes where greedy viliains carve up

the country's wealth. God has made us masters of those

with tattered garments." is the philosophy of the outrageous Madam Funwotan (Susan Aderin), whose scenes with her fawning companion (Bola Aiveola) are richly comic. But the brutal climax of her first party reveals the nasty reality making possible the champagne and the luxury chalets.

The play is intelligently directed by Topher Campbell, though more could be done to animate the weaker duologues. The design (Francis O'Connor) demonstrates yet again how the Gate's small stage can be made to suggest rooms and courtyards just around the corner. This time it is done with concrete-like pillars to represent the corner of an arcade, and latticed shutters to convert this into the secluded rooms where favours and elections can be bought with all that pretty pink money.

JEREMY KINGSTON

#### **THEATRE**

#### Marathon lacks magic

Merlin

Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh

FOR Ian Woolridge's production of Tankred Dorst's Merlin. Tom McGrath has condensed the German writer's nine-hour marathon into a three-hour penance. Imagine the slea-zy warp of the Rocky Horror Show interwoven with the violent weft of Circus Archaos and you will have a fair idea of the nature of this psychotic

Like much in the first of the two acts, the opening scene is promising. From the rafters descends a loin-clothed Christ upon an illuminated crucifix who alights for a brief trot down stage. It is a stunning coup de théatre intended to prepare for Merlin's birth. Mum turns out to be a raucous drab searching frantically for the father of her imminent baby. A very funny clown lends a smutty jocularity to the

proceedings and the episode culmis with the emergence of Met (after many a noisy heave) stark naked and undeniably adult. Nonchalandy he peruses The New York Times.

A succession of similarly outrageous vignettes guarantees the show a quick fire pace, but the exclusive reliance on exaggerated Lalands to get a laugh apart from being the most obnoxious cliché of recent Scottish theatre — soon palls. Moreover, localising the dia-logue results in a total negation of any romance of universal significance in the tales.

Only occasionally does a whiff of Celtic mystery want across the stage. Richard Karlsson, a handsome black Sir Lancelot, imparts a sincerity to his scenes with Guinevere which reminds one of romantic love, chivalry and all that other boring stuff Dorst chose to ignore. Plaintive songs introduced to compensate for the cuts are similarly evocative. As for the storyline, Dorst's cavalier attitude towards logic and McGrath's inept adaptation lead to uner confusion.

GIBBON WILLIAMS

# Heights to

#### be scaled Philharmonia/Jansons

Festival Hall

The Sibelius Violin Concerto is one of the toughest assignments in the violin-ist's repertory. The Lithuanian-born violinist Julian Rachlin may have been playing with orchestras for seven years, but he is still only 17, and on the basis of his performance with the Philharmonia under Mariss Jansons on Tuesday night he may be tackling this mountain peak before he is ready

to leave the slopes.

Rachlin is a violinist of great promise, and he produces a full, well weighted tone with an air of selfconfidence bordering on the histrionic. But the dearly genuine feeling being projected simply outstrips the technique. Intonation is a serious weakness that is only partly disguised by an unusually wide vibrato. In the face of such erratic talent, even the experi-

CONCERT

enced Jansons was unable to extract a convincingly conerent interpretation. Of the two remaining works on the programme, Haydn's Symphony No 94 (The "Surprise") and Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, it is the Bartók that puts the whole orchestra on its mettle - a challenge to which the Philharmonia rose with characteristic flair. All the more disappointing, then, that ensemble was less than menculous in the Haydn — even if often only a matter of a hair's-breadth. Jansons's Haydn showed some sym-

pathy with historical performance techniques, especially in the buoyant rhythms of the finale. But the biggest surprise of the Andante was the genteel way the explosion was handled — a questionable idea, particularly after the melodrama with which it was approached. More worrying still was the waltz-like swing given the Menuctto, a rather more stately dance.
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# His eternal posing was not in vain

ing up to painters. photographers, George Bernard Shaw in his ubiquitous prime became the most instantly recognisable writer of the day. The images he generated fill the National Portrait Gallery's GBS In Close Up exhibition with unquenchable provocation and humour. But the surprise of the show is the early Shaw. who waited a remarkably long time before presenting his fully-formed GBS persona to the Victorian world.

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Far from conquering literary London overnight, as an enfant terrible spawned by his native Dublin. Shaw only made his debut as a play-wright at the age of 36. Before then, he was known as either a critic or a novelist, and the first memorable portraits of him show a man emerging from obscurity with diffidence. Selfconsciously placed against a backdrop of leaves in Battersea Park, the writer narrows his eyes for a camera held by the fine-art printer Emery Walker. His stiff smile cannot hide the scepticism with which Shaw views the lens, as he shelters beneath the shallow of a

broad-brimmed hat At that time, as well as reviewing music for The Star under the pseudonym Como di Bassetto, he was art critic of The World. One of his col-umns was scornful of the routine society portraiture churned out by Herkomer and pompously paraded at the Royal Academy. Perhaps he feared the prospect of turning into an effigy as desiccated as Herkomer's sitters.

Photography was different. Posing for Walker ended up beguiling Shaw so much that he became lascinated by the camera's possibilities. He acquired a camera of his own,

Richard Cork reviews a show of pictures of George Bernard Shaw at the National Portrait Gallery

and soon gave rein to strange, narcissistic fantasies. Around 1898 he photographed himcelf, the sylph-like product of a vegetarian diet, in a one-piece bathing costume. Then he posed naked on the beach. and a few years later made at his writing desk.

The inhibition had been

replaced by shameless show-manship. His new friend Harley Granville-Barker was obliged to photograph Shaw's bared flesh on the seashore at Mevagissey, but he assumed a less brazen mien when sitting for Rodin in 1906. Flattered by having his bust carved by such a renowned sculptor, Shaw was further grafified when Rodin likened his face to

Such compliments are not, however, guaranteed to nurture incisive portraits. Both the bronze and marble versions of Shaw's bust were unrevealing, even dutiful. Their bland placidity made a nonsense not only of the sitter's innate restlessness, but of Rodin's own legendary dynamism.

As Shaw described it, the sculptor liked "taking a big draught of water into his mouth and spitting it on to the clay to keep it constantly pliable. Absorbed in his work, he did not always aim well and soaked my clothes." Shaw was also astonished by the mutila-tions Rodin inflicted on his features, slicing off noses and ears with such surgical efficiency that the sitter's wife "expected to see the already terribly animated day begin to

No sign of these alarming

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struggles was allowed to disturb the finished busts. They err on the side of discretion. and the only sculptor to seize something of Shaw's ceaseless vitality was Epstein. Although the playwright was 78 by the time this furrowed bronze was modelled in 1934, his wildly protuberant eyes and turbu-Did he ever really unwind? lent beard have the unruly

energy of an Old Testament prophet.

The impetuous action of Epstein's finger and thumb are forcefully preserved in a head which conveys Shaw's eccentricity as well as his visionary fervour. But the sitter recoiled from the result, claiming that he looked like a "primitive barbarian" and refusing to have the head in his house when Epstein offered it

ithough Shaw bequeathed a substan-tial part of his novalties to the National Gallery of Ireland, he showed no great passion for either sculpture or painting. But the camera continued to be a consuming interest, and in 1904 he championed the young American photographer Alvin Langdon Coburn after his arrival in London. Coburn, approaching his peak, rewarded Shaw's enthusiasm by publishing some refined portraits of the playwright in his Men of Mark

His most arresting studies of Shaw are, however, the least

the evening sun. Their sinewy elongation chimes with the playwright's own figure, rest-ing in a diagonal direction on -a tree-trunk as he jots down some notes in a pocket-book. Equally powerful is an image of Shaw and H.G. Wells. The mood is convivial, with Wells's relaxed face inclining at a jovial angle in his friend's direction. Shaw savours the mellowness as well, but his head remains upright and gazes out of the picture with a more questioning expression.

The torrential volume of his output bears all the marks of a worksholic. Even when he posed for Augustus John in 1915, closing his eyes while the session proceeded, the outcome was the opposite of somnolent. Shaw's ruddy features retain all their resolution in a play or article to burgeon in his mind. The demand for Shaw's work was by then incessant, and rewarded with remuneration far grander than John commanded. He recalled later that Shaw had exclaimed "when I informed him of my fee", and asked: "Do you mean to say you work for so paltry a sum?" But before John had time to revise his charges, "the cheque was written and handed over".

By this stage, the success of malion had turned Shaw into a towering figure. When Alick Ritchie gently carica-tured him for Vanity Fair, he was presented as a cocksure celebrity in a cowboy hat and a long, checked coat. While one eye winks, the other stares out with laser-like sharpness. In his canacious pocket a copy of Caesar and Cleopatra is at-

'tributed to "Shawkespeare". The award of the Nobel Prize in 1925 gave him still greater stature. Sir Bernard



Grandfatherly: Dame Laura Knight's oil of GBS, from the collection of the Hereford City Museum & Art Gallery

Partridge's Punch portrait of that year depicted Shaw as a supremely assertive figure. With white brows lowered in a commanding frown, he places hands on hips like a headmas-

ter terrifying an unruly pupil. Dame Laura Knight found herself painting him while he

sculptor Sigismond de Strobl. Conflict arose between the two artists: Knight wanted him to remain still, while de Strobl asked Shaw to adopt a variety of positions. Perhaps the difficulties militated against the painter, who produced an

therly image. "You made me a

plained, "and all my life I have been an actor."

In the end, though, even Shaw grew tired of portraiture. When John requested another sitting in 1947, the 91-yearturned him down. Declaring posing for half an hour, Shaw pointed out that he was just an The old show-off was tired out. and had no desire to see his decrepitude immortalised on

# Decoding the messages from the past

The Royal Shakespeare Company's latest rediscovery among 17th-century plays is

operatic version of Richard Brome's A Jovial Crew

¬ he authority of the law

science make a power-

ful alliance. Judge and jury are

often swayed by the confident tones of the expert witness presenting evidence they do

not have the knowledge to assess properly. Seldom is the

same expertise brought to bear

for the defence, for in Britain

forensic science has been used

overwhelmingly as a means of

securing convictions, not ac-

painfully apparent by the wrongful convictions of the

Birmingham Six. Taking Lib-

erties last night on BBC 2

looked at some less celebrated

cases and produced evidence

that science and pseudo-sci-

ence are being used as blunt

instruments in Britain's crimi-

nal courts.

The dangers were made

The Royal Shakespeare Company can some-times be thought of as an excavating business, digging away into the debris of 300 years to unearth forgotten plays. Only recently came oso, which had remained on the shelves for nearly three centuries, transferred from the RSC's Stratford base for a London airing. Now it is the turn of Richard Brome's A Jovial Crew, which is in preview at Stratford's Swan Theatre, having lain undisturbed

since the 18th century.

Brome (pronounced Broom, as in new), a servant of Ben Jonson, was a self-educated man who was encouraged by his master to read the playwright's library. His first succame around the time of the failure of Jonson's own The New Inn. which rather cooled their relationship. A Jovial Crew was written in 1641, in the shadow of the civil war, and was one of the last plays to be performed before the theatres were closed. Its last known performance as a play was in 1742, though it was turned into an opera and,

A Jovial Crew, by Richard Brome, Ben Jonson's servant. Clare Colvin reports including the celebrated sing-er Ann Catley (who also sang Unlike The Vinuoso, which Polly in The Beggar's Opera).

Parliament and the King, consorship and the second half was a series of set pieces that plays that are drawn to his is played as written, but cut to did not add to the plot. The

There are historical reasons for its lanse from favour. As the RSC's artistic director Adrian Noble says: "People thought that theatre in the Caroline period was like a valley after a great mountain of achievement by Shakespeare. Middleton and Jonson, but there are many treasures which are a crucial link between Shakespeare and Farquhar and

Restoration plays."

Max Stafford-Clark, who is directing Jovial Crew, sees it as a coded message from the past, written at a time when criticism of the government could not be voiced directly, and the playwright acted as journalist. The story, about two young women who run away from home to join a band of beggars, deals with the growing problems of the homeless at that time. It is, he says, an allegory seeking to raise public consciousness of in 1770, performed by a cast the irresponsibility of both

under three hours from its original four and a half, A Jovial Crew has been reworked in the second act by Stephen Jeffreys, whose plays include Valued Friends and The Clink. The songwriter lan Dury has re-written the lyrics.

'The play sets up a fascinating plot and then withdraws from it." Jeffreys explains. One senses that Brome was imprisoned by elements of selfbasic shape is the same, but I have taken the characters he has created and pushed them further. It is like restoring a painting. You try to be faithful to the colours of the original." What the RSC calls its

"discovery" plays are the result of what Noble calls "endless trawls, both collectively and independently". The literary manager or dramature, Colin Chambers, hies off to The Anne Barton, an authority on Caroline drama,

Shakespeare's plays open themselves up anew each time they are played, whereas Jonson or Marlowe, as Chambers admits, "sit less easily on our ears and on our minds. I don't believe people will be rushing to repeat The Silent Woman or The New Inn."

But the successes outweigh the failures, if one recalls the

surfacing of such gems as The Rover, written in 1677, Wild Oats (1791) and also later neglected plays like Bouci-

Adrian Noble says: "By covery plays we are building up an audience with an appetite for the brand new experi ence of an unknown play. It may be in future that somewhere such as the Theatr Clwyd, in Wales, will put on The Virtuoso instead another School for Scandal."

 A Jovial Crew opens at the Swan Theatre, Straiford (0789 295623), on Tuesday.



Ann Catley sang Rachel in a 1770 production of an

#### **TELEVISION REVIEW**

#### **Everybody needs** an expert friend

Peter Noble, charged with rape, faced evidence linking fibres found on the victim to clothing removed from his wardrobe by police. Refused legal aid to challenge the findings. Noble was lucky that his family raised the £3,000 needed for independent advice. The expert they consult-ed. Dr Angela Gallop of Forensic Access, contested the Home Office evidence, claiming that the fibres were of a

common type. After seven months in jail

awaiting trial. Noble was aquitted. "It's a big gamble. isn't it?" he said. "Like having a bet on the horses". The majesty of the law might demur at being compared to a punt at the bookies, but he had

a point

Jason Williams, a 21-yearold, was convicted of a rape after evidence was given that his teeth matched bite marks on the nose of the victim. This time, two experts gave evidence, one for the prosecution and the other for the defence. The jury chose to believe the prosecution's man, and Williams is consequently serving

five years in youth custody. The point made by Taking Liberties was that convictions made on the basis of scientific findings cannot be secure unless both prosecution and defence have access to the same science. No ordinary person can form a sensible upinion of the evidential value of a fragment of fibre without an experi witness to interpret it. But if the expert witnesses are all appearing for the prosecution, that leaves the accused in

What is the answer? Independent forensic scientists believe that changes in the legal aid provisions are needed to restore the balance between prosecution and defence. "Science and the law should admit how fallible they can be." reporter David Jessel asserted. It seemed a conclusion amply justified by events.

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# Sense and sensitivity

'Knowledge-base non possessors' can take comfort in a new guide to the intricacies of political correctness

political correctness, the creed of sensitivity that has swept from American universities into the public discourse in the past three years and now across the Atlantic.

You would, for example, never refer to a man in a wheelchair as a handicapped man but as a challenged person. You would always describe a backward schoolgid as an exceptional child. You would never dream of saying someone was black, preferring African American.

But in using these coinages, correct as recently as a year ago, you would be making thoroughly "inappropriate choices", to use two arch-PC words. You would be committing the sins of "ableism" and racism because the handicapped are now called the differently-abled.

Better still, turn the thought around and refer to the ablebodied as "temporarily abled persons". The schoolgirl, and this is not a joke, should be called an "acceptional prewoman" because "exceptional" implies exclusion and girl is sexist. On race, non-whites must now be called persons of colour, or more specifically, members of the African

When it comes to bending over backwards to avoid offending the sensi-

bilities of "op-

pressed" groups, which is what the 'If a man's PC mentality is all speciality about, the language police is, say, move swiftly. cannibalism, purging any hint Help is on the way for all those who want to avoid being considered "knowledge-base

he can be termed a person of non-possessors' difficult to (ignorant). Later this month they nicet can turn to The Official Politicalneeds' ly Correct Dictionary and Handbook, a compil

ation of terms by Henry Beard son writes unreadable prose in and Christopher Cerf, to be order to identify with the published by Villard Books in America and by Harper-

The handbook itself violates a cardinal rule of political correctness, the one prohibiting "inappropriately directed laughter. Though tongue in cheek, the book draws on terms from respectable published sources, but many of its entries come from the loonier fringes of animal rights. ecology and feminism.

A few years ago, for example, pet was purged from sensitive discourse in favour of unimal companion. That imshould now refer simply to your companion. Wives or girlfriends should be called unpaid sex workers", and the gender-sensitive should jettison himself and herself "coself", a term widely found

in feminist writing.
In the fast-expanding field of sexual harassment, the compilers have unearthed such nuggets as "receptive noninitiator", a term used in a New York University text. This is the "man guilty of allowing himself to be seduced by a woman in a subordinate position to himself"

However, the dictionary lists dozens of widely used terms and serves as a useful lesson in the way PC, for all its excesses. colours the way people talk in America and, increasingly, in

Some of it is merely an

et us say you are finely tuned to the nuances of century by such eminent visicentury by such eminent visitors as Charles Dickens. The desire to soften unpleasant concepts such as age, death or crime gave the world senior citizens, mornicians and "correctional systems", the now standard term for prison. (Example: Leona Helmsley this week became a client of the

correctional system.) In the past five years, other euphemisms have entered general speech. In deference to the self-esteem of toddlers newspapers refer to "kindergarten students". Substance abuse is now the general term for drug or alcohol addiction and sexually dysfunctional is the term for what used to be known as perverted. All that PC culture has done is extend the process so that a serial may be called a "socially misaligned" person. If his speciality is, say cannibalism he can be termed a "person of difficult to meet needs", as the handbook notes.

The compilers call the pro-cess the Whorf-Sapir hypothesis, after Benjamin Lee Whorf and Edward Sapir, two academies who argued that "before we can change a pattern of behaviour, we must change the terms which relate to it".

At the heart of PC lies the dogma of diversity, the idea that America needs new language to break from a culture

shaped by DWEMs (dead white European dominated by the "white patriar-chy". This leads the handbook to advise avoiding using terms such dom", a DWEM notion if ever there was. The prevailing sity teacher is not

her coself but to create a better world, according to the PC view The true PC peroppressed or those who are simply too "motivationally dis-

to express his or

The PC culture, springing from the left-wing outlook of the middle-aged academics is still well removed from the American mainstream but is making solid inroads. This is because it chimes with the way the country is fleeing from risk and moral judgment into the guest on a talk show is a 'survivor" of some kind, blaming everything from alcoholto bankruptcy on negligent parents or low self-

In Santa Cruz, California, the town council has given provisional approval to another pioneering step: a by-law prohibiting "lookism" in the recruiting of employees. This is designed to protect from discrimination the differently sized (fat), the follicularly challenged (bald), the cosmetically different (ugly) or the plain chronologically gifted (old) and perhaps the charmfree (boring). The key is avoiding anything that smacks of judgment or hurts the feelings

of any member of a minority. The domier extremes of the PC mentality will no doubt eventually succumb to good old American common sense. but not before it has robbed the language of some oldfashioned but healthy words.

#### Alice Thomson experiences the charm offensive of Gillian Shephard, the new employment minister

The security guard was adamant there was no Gillian Shephard in the employin the employment department. He
looked the name up in the directory,
she wasn't there. "I think she is your
new minister," I said. "Mike, who's
our new boss?" he shouted. "Awoman" Mike shouted back "I woman," Mike shouted back. "I think she's called Shephard."

Engulfed in her vast new offices on the sixth floor the diminutive Mrs Shephard is highly amused. "No-body knows me," she says delighted-ly. "Why should they? I just tell people I'm the one that looks like Edwina

With her snappy suit, comically arched eyebrows and bouffant hairstyle, the new Minister of Employment does bear a startling physical resemblance to her colleague

Mrs Shephard is one of two women to be promoted by John Major to his new cabinet. An MP for only five years, her rise has been swift and largely overlooked by the public. She was a key member of Mr Major's leadership team and became the highest ranking women ever in the Treasury when she was made a minister of state. She has consistently been singled out for praise by Mr Major and was given a prominent role during the election campaign as the deputy party chairman, chairing some of the daily press conferences."

While at Conservative Central Office she kept the young Turks going on take-away pizzas and insisted on eating in the canteen. Her constituents in Norfolk fondly recount how she managed to get the entire village of Marham double glazed at public expense against warplane noise. Her colleagues say she will always use charm instead of force.

"I feel as though I have known her for three years, not 24 hours. She's lovely," says the senior press officer as he ushers me into the room. Mrs Shephard offers a glass of water, "Oh help, I think you have been given the flower vase," she says and squeals

Mr Major said he would promote women to the cabinet only on merit, but is Mrs Shephard really tough enough for the job? She has no doubts. "People who have worked with me in a ministerial capacity know that I am not likely to be walked over. I haven't been in any stage of my life and I've had quite tough things to do before I ever came to the cabinet," she says, brandishing a letter from a county council colleague of former days who has written: "I wonder if some of the union leaders know what they have got coming to them. They will be shaken by your clarity of thought and ability to turn their arguments back on them."

She admits to using a certain amount of feminine charm. "Women do seem to do things in one way and men in another. I seek solutions before I go for confrontation. I also try to listen. Nothing is so unacceptable as turning down arguments without actually listening to them. I think it is insulting to human beings. And so does the prime minister," she charm.

Mrs Shephard, at 52, has more political experience than her relatively brief sojourn in the House suggests. After reading French and Latin John Major's iron lady



She was only a farmer's daughter. Gillian Shephard's background gave no clue to her inner steel

at Oxford university, she held a variety of jobs in local government in Norfolk, ending up as the county council deputy leader, and has run several health authorities. There was one period when she was simultaneously the chairman of the local health and the local education committees, on the mental health acts commission and a magistrate.

In 1975, at 35, she married Tom Shephard, then a headmaster of a local comprehensive school and a widower, and inherited two young

She was nervous about being a stepmother but put a hold on her career for ten years to look after them. After the count on election night, her

her four hours back to Central Office so she could celebrate.

At the age of 46, long past the normal sell-by date for would-be MPs. Mrs Shephard decided to stand as Conservative candidate for South West Norfolk, after the constituency turned down Central Office's non-local candidate. With little time to look for an alternative, they opted for Mrs Shenhard, on the grounds that as a Norfolk farmer's daughter, brought up among chickens and in the cabinet.

Even Mrs Shephard is startled. "Well I must say it is fairly quick, isn't it? I mean I do not know whether that Labour voting step-son, Neil. drove is a record," she says and then sounds

rather embarrassed at her forth-

Her life has always been crowded, so she understands balance and is not worried about taking on the employment department, dealing with local consituency affairs and spending time with her husband. "Women, are more conscious of getting a healthy balance in life because they have come into politics later. It's is a phase In your life, not your whole life," she says. "There is a tendency for ministers to get taken over which I

Considering she has always stressed that the two most important ministries are the treasury and education, wasn't Mrs Shephard slightly disappointed with her lot? "I'm

thrilled," she says. "Clearly, if you're offered anything in the cabinet you must be delighted but when I saw in the manifesto that this job was going to be enhanced by the addition of jobs to do with women I thought goodness, how very interesting. Then there is all the employment law, the reform of the industrial relations act. sex discrimination, race discrimination, industrial tribunals ..."

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Mrs Shephard wasted no time in getting down to work. On Sunday she immediately summoned her officials for a meeting and made clear she wasn't going to waste her time promoting "artificial initiatives which don't mean anything. I don't forget that people of both sexes are out of work and that's a horrible thing for themselves and their families," she says. "What we want is for the economy to start turning again so that jobs come back, because only business can actually create jobs. In the meantime our priority must be to supply good training.

n what she describes as "women's issues". Mrs Shephard will look to improving childcare, although she does not believe that this alone is the key to better opportuni-ties. "What really matters is increasing women's confidence, whether they are about to enter the jobs market or are returning after having a family," she says. "I suffered a real loss of identity when I gave up work and I found it very difficult returning. I had gone from a position where I had a secretary and staff to a job where I was the staff and doing the photocopying and dogsbodying."

She would also like to see more

women in the House of Commons and is close friends with women members as diverse as the Conservative Anne Widdecombe, with whom she shared an office, and Labour's Clare Short. She finds some of her male colleagues' barracking behav-iour demeaning. "I don't think we have got nearly enough women in yet. If we get more it will make a difference to behaviour, there's no doubt about it," she says.

Of her fellow female cabinet minis-ter, Virginia Bottomley, the new health secretary, she comments: "I admire her ability, I admire her looks enormously, she's just marvellous to ook at isn't she? It's just great to have her zooming about looking tremendous." No male colleague would dare to say this in public.
In the cabinet she feels ideological-

ly closest to Mr Major. "He sees that you have to bring people round slowly to your way of thinking, have sound economic policies and keep a firm grip on public spending," she

She is also polite about Michael Heseltine's "dazzling role" in the election, but one feels that isn't quite her style. She doesn't think she wants endless Tory rule. "The prospect of one party rule is rather unhealthy, but I don't think it will happen in real life. People will vote themselves out of it in the end," she says, before getting up

made a privy councillor. "My father is thrilled," she says. "I've just realised that I will be the right honourable for the rest of my life, that's rather nice don't you think, rather a boost."

# When the world is nonsense

Autism denies its victims normal human contact. Now a sufferer has

described her remote, inner world

onna Williams has her own set of rules for interviews. First she must meet the reporter the day before, preferably in a quiet, green place. No "interview" questions must be asked: small-talk only. Then she must be faxed a list of questions, to which she sends long written replies. At no time must the interviewer shake hands, crack jokes, show emotion, use metaphors, vary their tone or switch topics suddenly. Otherwise Ms Williams may become stressed and run for it. Add to these conditions the normal hectic juggling of schedules imposed by a publisher convinced it has

a hot property, and she is not the only one who gets stressed. But Ms Williams, a 29-yearold Australian, is worth it. And her conditions are as reasonable as if a normal interviewee should ask reporters not to hit her, sob, or shout questions in Chinese. Normal subjects do not have to make such stipulations because their social and verbal perceptions are those of the majority: Ms Williams' are not. To her a handshake is an ordeal, the emotion of others a threat, and elliptic sentences a garble. She is autistic, severely so, and has written a book

about her life. To my question on how she sees new people she replied: Their language is difficult to follow and miles away and their movements anywhere from distracting to annoying to frightening." Crowds overload her entirely. "Sometimes the meaning drops out of things and what I see or hear is reduced to basic colour, shape, pattern and sound."

Autism is a strange, barely

understood abnormality ap-

parent from infancy in four

children in every 10,000. Suf-

ferers cannot process informa-

tion properly, particularly

human expressions, allusions

and gestures. Autistic children

typically avoid eye contact, hate being touched, and show no emotion except fits of rage. A puzzie or a pattern absorbs them utterly, but conversation is met with parrot repetition or with silence. Despite their frequent great intelligence, they are desperately hard to get along with: their stiff chilliness baffles, sometimes alienates, their parents.

But Ms Williams has writ-

ten about the process from the other side: right from the moment in her cot when the air was full of lovely patterns and "people would walk by obstructing my magic view of norhingness". Her inability to communicate and co-operate was met in her working-class Melbourne home with violence and abuse from her mother, "How can I blame her when all efforts to reach me resulted in self-abuse because I wanted no one near me? When the only way she could find to stun me into stopping trying to tear my skin off with my teeth was to hit me?"

At school she was perceived as intelligent but devoid of sense, and found rules incomprehensible: tell her not to draw on the wall and she would stop, but start again in a moment because in her logic only the earlier moment contained the prohibition. In her teens she became a sexual victim in return for shelter. "I hadn't even reached the stage where I realised my body belonged to me. I took it as coincidence that it was stuck on me ... I suffered abuse at the hands of a well-intentioned but ignorant foster mother practising hug thera-py, and men capitalised on my having been taught to tolerate

touch in spite of it making me feel ill." She learnt to conceal herself behind two personae: "Willie" the rebel child, who attacked the world back, and "Carol", a



Three faces of Donna: in her late twenties she gradually identified with her real self



'Willie': the young rebellious persona



'Carol': the extrovert who could smile

giggling and complaisant extrovert. She ran through a series of jobs, sometimes disastrously (as a machinist she put buttonholes all over a fur coat. not realising they had to go in any particular place), sometimes with success. Her passion for arranging things made her a wonderful stockroom assistant in a department store.

In her twenties she gradualidentified herself as Donna. complete with limitations. She does not look abnormal. Arriving for my first meeting, I

find a slight girl in tartan slacks with a constant air of

being poised for flight. By

appalling mischance, on her

first evening in London Ms

than a normal person: perhaps if good-fellowship is a mystery to you, wickedness hits less near the heart. "You've had bad fortune," I say as we walk out. "And much good fortune too. You cannot have one without the

Williams's room was burgled.

She might, warned her pub-

lisher, be more stressed than

usual. Actually, she is fine and

other." Ms Williams says.

leading the way to the park

with light, dancing steps. Her

extreme literalness makes for

these gnomic utterances. Once

you learn to speak in simple

manners", she says. "It makes no sense at all." Her own makes perfect sense. questions have the directness The burglary seems to have touched her less of a child's.

. Facts are easiest. So in the park we discuss ice-houses, ducks, why camels spit (she likes camels because she too spits when angry), and other restfully concrete subjects. Ms Williams shows encyclopaedic. eclectic factual knowledge of everything from the pH level of swimming pools to the sex of trees. She would make a formidable scientist.

linear sentences, as if translat-

ing from Latin, conversation is

not too difficult. But "I don't

understand the thing they call

She stops by a sculpture. "You could practise on him.

Being with people. See, you could poke your finger in his eye and nothing's changed." Then an unsolicited memory from her childhood: her angry mother used to try to prove herself, Ms Williams says, by giving her dolls. "I hated them. The more my mother hated me the bigger the dolls got." I observe that I hated dolls too and threw mine out of a ship's porthole. Ms Willians hugely approves of this, and I try a small bridge between us by saying that nobody should expect any child to like conventional things. "If the child says no -- " "Ah!" Ms Williams says. "But I couldn't say, couldn't tell anyone ..." It is a nightmarish glimpse of her glassed-off

nce she helped an autistic child in a home by pushing aside the carer who was thrusting a doll at her, and offering instead a hairbrush to stroke repetitively: "Dolls stare at you. Their faces expect something. A hairbrush doesn't do that. It just goes 'prirr!' and soothes you."

At the end of the walk we have reached a reasonable accommodation. Next day, we meet again. I look at her seldom and briefly. "If people look," she says, "their face is saying I order you to look at me." Her newest achievement is friendship: "My friendships are not just empty symbols of normality any more. I have gone from sharing nothing to sharing words, from sharing words to sharing facts, from facts to thoughts and now I am trying to share feelings. Now I must learn how to link my feelings to words and expres-

sions. It is a new world." She is reaching out towards the world with more intelligence than it ever used in trying to reach her. For that she should be honoured.

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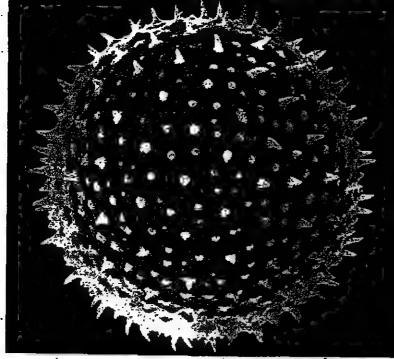
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Summer madness: a tiny pollen grain from the garden hollyhock, left, or passion flower make the season miserable for those who are allergic





No way out: pollen grains from the Venice Mallow flower, left, and pot marigold make it impossible for people with allergies to open windows

# Rash reaction

ast year, Anne, a 41-year-old single mother living on income pport, paid a private dentist £600 to remove all the fillings in her teeth because she believed she was allergic to the mercury in the amalgam. She stayed in a private allergy clinic for two weeks, where she was put on a Vitamin C drip to help her recover from the anaesthetics. The bill

there came to £4,000. She returned to the clinic in January for further vitamins and minerals and a homeopathy, clinical ecology, hair anal- and that there are no grounds for course of "vaccines" to control her yels, and kinesiology as having no complacency among conventional allergies. The bill came to £2,000.

local charities. She says she is better because she can do "almost all" the housework. But she is still unable to work or to leave the house and has to sleep every afternoon. Her GP has given her a 12-month sick note.

Anne was diagnosed five years ago as a role in helping "allergic to everything" by the same the asthmatic, it clinic. "NHS doctors said I was neurotic says. Similar effects and depressed. I was labelled with everything. Social workers threatened to for acupuncture. take my son away. Only when I went to The report also ac-

the clinic were my allergies unmasked." cepts that tradi-Although she found the diagnosis tional Chinese mecomforting, life since then has been far dicinal plants have from easy. "I can't even open the been shown to help windows because of the pollen in children with summer and the mould spores in winter," she said. "I once counted that I had 80 symptoms and I can link them to at least 100 things that cause them. It's a dreadful existence. It's a struggle

every day to keep your sanity."
Her nine-year-old son's health is deteriorating and he is missing school on an average of a day a week. "He is

not coping emotionally," she said.

Cases like Anne's have alarmed specialists in the field. Allergies are increasing and awareness of them is growing. This is putting pressure on already overstretched National Health Service clinics. As a result, people with allergies are being forced to seek help from private clinics and fringe practitioners, who may make matters worse.

In response to the growing concern, the Royal College of Physicians this week published a report comparing conventional and alternative treatment of allergy. It is critical of the treatment offered by some fringe practitioners and their "false and misleading" claims. Jeremy Laurance considers growing interest

launched last June to raise public

attribute it to chronic allergy."

other substances is rare.

Manchester.

One in six people is estimated to suffer from allergies. Hay fever and asthma, the most common, are increas-

ing. This is thought to be because of

rising pollution, centrally-heated, dusty

houses, and greater awareness among doctors. Multiple allergy to food and

Patients who attend some private

allergy clinics may, however, he tested less rigorously. Treatment can amount to "brainwashing", according to Dr David Pearson, director of the NHS.

allergy clinic at Withington Hospital,

thing that makes them sick as a dog and

"You inject the patients with some-

overwhelmed," a spokeswoman said.

founder and a con-

ultant physician at

St Bartholomew's

Hospital, London,

said that true allergy

in allergies and a new report on treatment

Produced by a committee of leading ment can also NHS allergy specialists, the report In the early 1980 warns that clinics offer treatments that were caused by the i have not been validated. It says patients may be harmed because of misdiagnosis or delays in treatment.

The report dismisses the techniques of scientific foundation. It gives credence doctors. Her treatment was paid for by two to only two alternative treatments: hypnosis and herbal remedies, with half-hearted endorsement of

> acupuncture. Hypnosis can affect allergic reactions and may have 'Some private clinics verge on the lunatic and have been claimed practise medicine that is dangerous'

children with was "quite restrictcomma. ed". "But if you don't feel very well or
About 10 per cent of people suffer suffer from fatigue it is the fashion to nuine allergies but many more believe they have them, and can become angry and upset when this is denied by

conventional doctors. A postal survey of 30,000 people published in the journal of the Royal College of Physicians in 1987 revealed 1,372, almost 5 per cent, believed they were sensitive to food additives, for example. But after further investigation the diagnosis was confirmed in only

three cases. Conventional treatment of allergy has had its share of criticism. In 1989, a leading article in the New England Journal of Medicine suggested a large proportion of people who consulted allergists had psychiatric problems and were seeking a socially acceptable label for them. "Through kindness and them better and you suggest all the time enthusiasm, many doctors may be that they've got the allergy and you've doing a great disservice to ill persons got the cure — so they go on to develop a the report says. But conventional treat-very positive evidence that giving a false

diagnosis of allergy prevents people obtaining the therapy that can help them. Many patients are sad, distressed people going through life crises."

He warned that people could be

harmed by being given the wrong diagnosis and treatment. "If a patient has a genuine allergy it is potentially lethal to test for it by injecting an extract In the early 1980s a series of deaths were caused by the inappropriate use of desensitisation techniques in NHS clinics. The latest Royal College of Physiof the substance under the skin. I know cians report says more research is of a case where a patient suffered a liferequired to develop better treatments threatening reaction."

Dr Martin Stern, a clinical immunol ogist at the University of Leicester, said there was "extreme concern" about These worries have surfaced as public some of the practices of private allergy interest in allergy has grown. The British Allergy Foundation, a charity

"People are given tests the results of me to raise public which are meaningless." Dr Stern said.

13,000 letters requesting information. "We have been about where to go for help." He said he had seen patients go to private clinics had seen patients go to private clinics until they run out of money.

spokeswoman said. In Southampton, Professor John Professor Robert Warner, a consultant paediatrician, Davies, the charity's said he had seen patients who had been put on special diets by private allergy clinics that had caused mainutrition. The parents of a child with cystic fibrosis (an inherited digestive disorder) went to a clinic where they were recommended to restrict certain foods, which is a disaster in cystic fibrosis. It is absolutely terrible that a private clinic could take on a patient like this for which there is proven treatment."

There are some private clinics that are "perfectly reputable", said Professor Warner, but others "verge on the lumatic" and practise a form of medicine that is "frankly dangerous". Patients seeking a "perfectly reputable" private clinic would be best advised to ask their

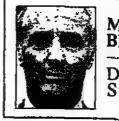
GP for a recommendation.

The problem is that those seeling such help often do so because they feel their GP is not helping them. "The trouble is that a number of clinics are run by people who have no medical qualifications and so are not bound by the ethical codes that govern doctors. They can do what they like - and get with it."

then give them another that makes For further infom enthusiasm, many doctors may be that they've got the allergy and you've British Allergy Foundation. St Banholodoing a great disservice to ill persons got the cure — so they go on to develop a mew's Hospital. West Smithfield, London seeking a non-psychiatric diagnosis." Pavlovian response," he said. There is ECIA 7BE. The foundation relies entirely on

# In-house killer

OWNERS of Tudor. and earlier, houses in Norfolk and Suffolk are so proud of the wattle and daub construction of the inner-walls that they have been known to cut small sections in the plaster so as to display it more readily to their guests. This primitive



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

lath and mud construction is, potentially, as deadly in South America as it is quaint in East Anglia for it is indirectly responsible for one of the world's greatest public health problems: Chagas' disease.

Chagas' disease infects over six million people in Brazil, a million in Venezuela. uncounted tens of millions in the rest of South America and the occasional cases even as far north as Texas. In Britain, until recently, the only people likely to have heard of Chagas' disease, despite its rather peculiar name, were medical students hoping to score an alpha point when discussing heart failure. But last week the blood transfusion service in south London said that it would in future reject the blood of donors who had travelled off the beaten track in South America lest they have been infected with Chagas' disease.

In 1909 Carlos Chagas described a blood parasite. Trypanosoma cruzi, which has a life cycle divided between blood sucking reduviid bugs, colloquially known as assassin or kissing bugs, and the blood of mammals; neither birds or reptiles act as hosts. Often in South America the culprit is Rhodrius prolixus, which lives in the cracks of lath and mud houses. The bugs, which are nocturnal, congregate in the walls near a bed. If the blood they suck from a sleeping human is infected, the bug itself

becomes a vector for the disease for the rest of its two-year life, and excretes the parasite on the flesh of its later victims.

Chagas' disease is similar in many respects to African sleeping sick-ness, which is spread by the isetse fly. It is divided

into three stages. In the

first stage an early sore at the site of the initial infection is followed in many cases by a feverish illness characterised by enlarged glands and spicen, and sometimes acute heart failure or meningitis: there is a five per cent mortality. Those who recover haven't seen the last of the disease, for after years or decades of a quiescent secondary stage, in which the patient is symptom-free, the final phase is reached. In the third stage an inflammatory reaction thins the walls of the heart so that they may rupture, or the patient may die of heart failure from weakened heart muscles. In other patients the gut becomes so dilated as the result of weakened muscles that food accumulates in a grossly distended gullet, or constipation, sometimes of many weeks duration, may kill through intestinal obstruction.

Treatment is possible in the first stage. although the drugs used are very toxic, but not thereafter as organs are damaged beyond repair by the time the diagnosis is made. Spraying the houses with insecticide is the layoured method of controlling the disease. The risk of transfusion has been acknowledged in South America for a generation, but recent cases in the United States have now alerted the British authorities; hence their rejection of the backpacking student who returns from Colombia, Peru or elsewhere in South America.

#### Chemical danger

MERCURY poisoning has been in the news again. In Europe the controversy centres on the possibility of dental patients suffering from their mercury amalgam fillings: a risk which most authorities regard as negligible. In Brit-ain, in fact, it is the dentist who moulds amalgam fillings with his bare thumbs who is in danger of mercury poisoning, and not the patient.

In Natal, South Africa, the Zulu community, and the trade union movement, are enraged because only recently has the government ordered an enquiry into the Thor chemical plant, a British-owned firm, where the workers claim that at least nine employees have suffered from mercury poisoning.

Mercury poisoning can cause swollen gums and centrai nervous system symptoms, muscle weakness and tremor. Patients also show mental changes including paranoia and hallucinations. These symptoms are described by doctors as erethism. An em ployee who develops erethism becomes timid, depressed, and obsessed by fear of losing his job, and yet furious and aggressive if supervised or even watched

The likelihood of danger of

mercury poisoning is assessed the UK the accepted safe

by estimating the amount of mercury excreted in a 24-hour specimen. It is likely that a urinary excretion of more than 300 micrograms would be associated with symptoms. In

upper limit is 50 micrograms. There seems to be agreement between employers and employees in Natal that this figure has been exceeded many times.

#### A straightforward treatment

CARLOS CHAGAS belonged to this century, and the disease named after him infects miions. Dr François de la Peyronie, physician to Louis XV, has also given his name to a disease, but the problem he describes only affects a few thousand men, at the very most, in this country. Even so Peyronie's disease is very distressing to those men who suffer from it but - as with most male genital diseases - it receives little or no publicity.

The plaques which form under the skin of the palm of the hand, and less often the foot, to cause Dupuytren's contractures were well known even before Margaret Thatcher had surgery to correct hers; less often appreciated is that similar plaques can occur in the cavernous sheaths of the penis. As the plaque thickens and contracts the penis deviates, vertically or horizontally, on erection. Sometimes the angulation is so acute that penetration becomes impossible. Until recently the only effective treatment has been surgery; thereafter the penis is left shorter but functional.

Contains

information vital

Research at the Institute of Neurology, now based at the Middlesex Hospital in London, has shown that if patients with Peyronie's disease are treated during the initial stages when the plaques are still painful with Tamoxifen. the drug better known for its use in breast cancer treatment, they may disappear and the penis is straightened without surgery. Not a great leap forward for mankind but a sound medical advance which will make the sufferers, and their partners, profoundly grateful.

Dental costs in France are so high that people are coming to Britain for their treatment

#### he French live in fear of dentists, not so much because of the pain but because of the cost. Exorbitant charges mean they visit the dentist only when absolutely necessary, and avoid regular check-ups. British nationals resident in France, shocked at dental costs, are travelling back to Britain in the holidays for treatment; and increasing numbers of French are taking day trips to England for theirs, for which they are reimbursed through French social security and Mutuel, a private health

Francis Rubel from Calais says: "Dental treatment in England is about a quarter of French prices and I also benefit through almost total reimbursements in France."

Matthew Wallis, a British teacher working in Paris, was recently quoted FFr20,000 (£2,000) for a replacement tooth, two crowns and two

# Visits that are double agony

fillings. Mr Wallis checked other dentists and found the price was normal. One even quoted FFr28,000. "It was a nasty shock." Mr Wallis said.
"Fortunately a British dentist is prepared to do the work for about FFr4,000 during the

school holiday period."
At present, 8,000 British teachers are employed in France. One of them, Stephen Childs who has been working in Versailles for eight years. says: "At first I paid up. Now I just arrange like most other teachers to have dental checkups in England during the holiday period."

ones to feel the pinch. Brian Ford, a manager for a transport company based in Lille, admits he has continued having check-ups and treatments with his London dentist because it is much cheaper.

Curiously, cleaning teeth in France has a low priority. A government health survey last year showed that 40 per cent of French people did not clean their teeth every day because it was considered unimportant woman placed a higher priority on facial make-up and men

Dentists in France are self-

employed and say the prices reflect their overheads. An average crown costs between FFr3,000 and FFr10,000 and a filling between FFr800 and FFr2,000 depending on the work required. A replacement tooth can cost FFr14,000.

In Britain, a crown costs £60 on the NHS and £150-£250 privately. Fillings are up to £10 on the NHS and up to £50 privately. A replacement tooth would be about £33 on the NHS and £80-£150 privately. Each French worker pays 5.9 per cent of his or her salary towards medical and dental care. This ensures a third of

dental costs are refunded up to FFr500. Mutuel insurance cover averaging FFr150 a month insures a further refund of up to 50 per cent of costs to a limit of FFr1,500. Dental costs are fixed by the

government, allowing dentists an average of 30 per cent profit on each patient. A dentist with a large number of patients can earn £100,000 a year without difficulty.

One dentist admitted a number of patients had trouble meeting payments for lengthy work. Some took out bank loans to pay for treatment or staggered payment. "Only 20 per cent of my parients have regular checkups," he said. "The other 90 per cent just come when they have some sort of problems." He blamed lack of educa-

rance concerning dental care. JOHN GILMORE



# Propaganda or the simple truth?

**Ann Kent reports** on what women can expect when taking HRT

Three hundred women had filed into Church House. Westminster in central London to find out about the menopause, and now one of them stood up to ask a question. What happens if you stop taking HRT. Do you just fall apart?"

The audience, mainly intelligent, middle-aged and middle-class, were not surprised by the question. Women are drenched in information about hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and the menopause, but all too often it comes in the form of propaganda.

Teresa Gorman, the MP who founded the Amarant Trust to promote HRT, has said: "I know from my own experience that it [HRT] can do more to improve the quality of your life ... than pots of expensive face cream, a holiday in Spain or a complete new wardrobe

Opponents of the treatment, such as Germaine Greer, believe women should feel free to age with dignity. accepting the physical conse-'A grown woman should not have to masquerade as a girl in order to remain in the land of the living", she wrote in her book about the menopause. The Change.

Val Godfree, the deputy medical director of the Amarant Trust, tried to reassure the woman who wondered about the effects of stopping HRT. "A large number of ladies take HRT for a short period of time and then come off it. They don't fall apart, but their bones will lose their strength and the risk of heart disease rises." she said.

In fact, the effect of stopping HRT after a few years is to put a woman at the same risk of the bone thinning condition, osteoporosis, and heart disease as she would have been if she had never taken

The menopause conference last week was organised by the Nat-ional Council of Women after a survey of its members revealed that 62 per cent wanted more information about the menopause.

Female hormones are often discussed at medical conferences, usually by male medical experts talking to other men. The questions asked at this meeting were sharper and more relevant because the women were interested not in tinkering with drug formulations, but in whether it was safe for them to use. how long they could take it, and whether the NHS could afford to provide it for them.

Side effects of HRT, described as "rare" at medical conferences, could not be easily swept aside here, as the sufferers stood up to tell of problems such as painful breasts, putting on two stones in weight in two months or zig zags in front of

The Amarant Book of Hormone Replacement Therapy stresses the way HRT can slow the ageing process, but the revitalising, feelgood factor which is so often attributed to HRT was not mentioned at the meeting. Those who asked questions were more interested in health than in dreams of

reast is best. Breast-feeding is natural and

delivers exactly the

right food at the optimum

temperature. It creates a lov-

ing hand between mother and child and delivers immunity

from illness and infection. It

also, according to the latest research, gives children a valu-

This is what new mothers

are told these days - but is it

all true? In recent weeks, there

has been a world-wide debate

raging among doctors and

scientists as to whether there

are magical ingredients con-

rained in breast milk which

The recent findings of Dr

Alan Lucas and his team at the

Dunn Clinical Nutrition

Centre in Cambridge, and

published in The Lancet.

seemed to show that, at eight

years old, children who had

been given breast milk at birth

- whether or not they were

actually breast-fed — did better

in IQ tests than those given

seemed to be due to something

in the milk, rather than wheth-

er the parents were more

intelligent or gave more

Dr Lucas' conclusions,

based on a sample of 926

premature babies, were hotly

disputed by other researchers.

Two large-scale studies, one

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HRT proponent: Teresa Gorman set up the Amarant Trust and says the therapy can only help

HRT is usually started when the first symptoms of the menopause irregular or non-existent periods. hot flushes and night sweats — appear. The principle behind it is simple enough. Between the ages of 45 and 55, women start to produce less oestrogen, the natural hormone that protects women against heart disease and osteoporosis. By replacing the missing hormone. vulnerable women can delay the onset of these diseases. However. oestrogen on its own can cause cancer of the womb lining. Unless the woman has had a hysterectomy the hormone progestogen is added to the treatment. Although earlier fears that progestogen might block oestrogen on the cardiovascular system now seem largely unfounded, it does bring on the menstrual period. If a woman uses HRT she will need to carry on using sanitary

One of the most important questions for any woman contemplating HRT is how she can balance the risks and benefits. Some experts believe that HRT slightly increases the risk of breast

Judging the milk

of humankind

Researchers have suggested that breast-feeding may

make brighter children. What should mothers believe?

found that breast-fed children

were brighter than the bottle-

fed, but concluded that these

differences were solely attribut-

able to the greater intelligence

and superior parenting of mothers who breast-feed

in other words, these re-

searches could find no magic

IO factor in the milk alone.

But the implication of these

three studies is clear, mothers

who really care about the

intelligence and well-being of

their children will never shove

Dufing the 1960s, when the

fashion for bottle-feeding was

at its height, new mothers had

to struggle to be allowed to

breast-feed their hospital-born

babies. All has changed.

Thanks to intense campaign-

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Trust's (NCT) Breastfeeding

Promotion Group, now cele-

brating its 25th anniversary.

and also the American La

Leche League, breast-feeding

The La Leche League is

particularly militant about

breast-feeding, with its insis-

tence that feeding should be completely baby-led, and con-

tinue until the child wishes it

to stop. This means that it is

not all that unusual for tod-

dlers and even two and three

Any new mother who finds

breast-feeding difficult or who

is not sure she wants to

become a 24-hour milk-dis-

pensing machine can now

contact, free of charge a breast-

feeding counsellor, who will

year olds still to be breast fed.

is encouraged at every turn.

a bottle in their mouths.

'I know that HRT can do more to improve the quality of life than a holiday in Spain'

Teresa Gorman

cancer; others disagree. Doctors take the line that they will provide the woman with the facts, and leave her to make the final decision. But as it took a conference of medical experts three days to thrash out a consensus on this single issue last autumn, the average patient can hardly be expected to know what is

The two women physicians at last

come round to her house to

persuade her to give her baby

breast really make for dull children? Dr Lucas, the head

of infant and child nutrition at

the Dunn Nutrition Unit. denies that he is trying to give

mothers yet one more thing to

enormous amount of

debate, but what many press

reports chose to ignore, is that

our study concentrated solely

strongly that there is a definite

relationship between receiving

breast milk and subsequent

IQ even after making all the

adjustments for the social class

"As some of these babies

were led with expressed breast

milk because they were too

small and weak to suck, it

seems to us that breast milk,

and not just breast-feeding, is

important for subsequent cog-

breast milk, such as special fats

and thyroid hormone, are

thought to be important for

not present in cows' milk.

Formula feed manufacturers

have been unable to introduce

"At the moment." Dr Lucas

says, "we can say that there is

these fats into their products.

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and intelligence of the parents for premature babies.

"Our data shows very

on premature babies.

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week's conference could not agree on the relative risks and benefits of HRT. "If there is an increase in risk, it is a small one which is containable," Dr Godfree said. But Dr Jean Coope, a Cheshire GP who provides HRT for her patients on the NHS, believes the risk increases significantly after around ten years of treatment. After five or six years on hormone replacement. Dr Coope sends her patients for a mammogram before renewing the

Mr Tony Parsons, a consultant gynaecologist and the chairman of the Menopause Society, believes women need to be on HRT for at least two years to benefit from it. but agrees that after about ten years the risks increase.

According to Mr Parsons, the statisticians have concluded that, at

HRT opponent: Germaine Greer believes that women should feel free to mature with dignity to drop by 563 and from heart disease by 5,250. So what would Mr Parsons tell a

close female relative who wanted to use HRT longer than ten years? "I would certainly want to explain the uncertainties," he said. "People vary greatly in their reactions. Some women will have nothing to do with any treatment which involves even the slightest risk of breast cancer. Someone who has nursed a relative who has had a stroke or hip fracture may look at it Another puzzling aspect of HRT

is why its adherents focus on its ability to stop bones from thinning when only one woman in four is susceptible to osteoporosis. Suggesting that all women take hormones would appear to be the equivalent of dosing everyone in an

'A woman should not have to masquerade as a girl to remain in

Germaine Greer

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At the end of the conference my own feeling was that hormone replacement was acceptable, at least for the first ten years. However, this was not a unanimous view. The audience left the conference better-informed but not necessarily converted to the treatment. Perhaps the generation of women who roudtested what we now regard as a very high-dose Pill is not prepared for further experimentation.

need HRT.

on middle-aged do-it-yourself bone-building. "Diet and exercise

are important in adolescence, but jogging round the block and filling

yourself with calcium are a joke at 50. They won't touch menopausal

s." he said. "For that you

Or it may be that Mr Parsons hit on the real problem. He said it takes half an hour to discuss hormone replacement properly with a patient who already knows something about the subject. Most doctors don't have the time, and many women are rightly suspicious of the busy medic whose only treatment is a briskly written

prescription. @ Times Nevespapers Ltd 1992



Breast and brain: no-one yet knows if breast milk enhances the intellectual development of full-term babies

compelling evidence that A number of ingredients in breast milk itself enhances the intellectual development of premature babies - but no brain development and are

actual proof. "We simply don't know whether there is any similar benefit for full-term babies, as we have never carried out any such studies. There seem to be strong health advantages of breast milk for pre-term in- many years. She says: "Re-

fants, but all may be different for full-term babies. "There is as yet, no hard evidence whatever that bottle-

feeding in the West damages babies in any way, or puts them at a disadvantage." Shirleyanne Seel, the deputy head of policy at the National Childbrith Trust, has been a breast-feeding counsellor for search undertaken two years ago clearly showed that breastfed babies suffer less from gastroenteritis, but evidence for long-term benefits is much

less clear cut." In fact, a paper in The Lancet in May, 1988, said there was little evidence to suggest that breast milk did confer any significant longterm health benefits to babies.

"At the same time," Ms Seel says, "we feel it is the haby's right to be fed with the best possible food." She confirmed that it is mainly the older. middle-class muthers opting for the breast. "Although at the NCT we are working hard to change the overwhelmingly middle-class image that breast-feeding continues to

The latest statistics from the Office of Population, Census and Surveys, published in 1988, show that only half of all babies are breast-fed beyond

Sixty-nine per cent of firsttime mothers now try breast-feeding, although many choose to bottle feed second and subsequent children. Breast-feeding counsellor Mary Small, whose book The National Childbirth Trust Book of Breastfeeding is to be published by Ebury Press later in the year, is concerned that mothers who bottle-feed should not feel that they have

S he says: While I can't personally believe that an artificial substitute can be better, it is certainly the case that middle-class mothers at least are intensely pressurised into breast-feeding these days.

"No baby will benefit from a mother who hates every. minute of breast-feeding. Career mothers have been made guilty if they hurry back to work rather than continuing to breast-feed - but the statistics show that stay-athome mothers are, if anything more likely to bottle-feed after a couple of weeks."

Dr Mike Woolridge, of the

Breastfeeding Clinical Support Service at Bristol University, says: I would love to be able to tell mothers that their habies will be more intelligent if they are breast-led - but at the moment the evidence we need is just not there.

"As a zoologist, 1 implicitly believe that breast must be best, but there are simply no studies that show an overwhelming long term ativantage either in terms of health, intelligence or personality. The studies carried out so far assume a cause and effect but for all we know, there may

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# **Newcomer with a** hint of nostalgia

had to blink twice before he realised that he really was seeing the car that he thought he was seeing. "I know this car. It should not be in Britain," he shouted from the entrance of Wapping station in east London as I drove past him in my bulky Hindustan Ambassador.

He was almost right. The Ambassador is built in Calcutta and has never before been exported from the sub-continent.

The Ambassador usually finds its market among taxi-drivers and middle classes in India willing and able to charge through crowded streets in cars that use technology almost 50 years old.

One look at the Ambassador,

however, betrays its origins to any British driver who is over the age of 35. The car is, of course, the old Morris Oxford, a stalwart saloon made by Austin-Morris between 1948 and 1959, and it very much belongs in Britain.

The lines are distinctively British. The curved boot and bonnet signal instantly that it came from the pencil of a designer sitting in Cowley, Oxford.

When the now defunct British Motor Corporation, better known as BMC, pensioned off the old, round-bodied Cowley, the com-pany found an eager buyer for the assembly lines in India, which was desperately trying at that time to

found its own motor industry.

That industry was founded on the name of Morris. The old Morris Minor and Oxford providA car that is built in India reminds

Britain, and

an old favourite

Kevin Eason, of

ed the two most important model

The bizarre twist is that three decades on, the Morris Oxford is making a comeback in Britain to an enthusiastic response from drivers with memories stretching be-

yond the jelly-mould shapes that pack the showrooms of today. Mark Owen-Lloyd and Jo Burge both worked in the City until they decided to stop trading in "computer money" and bring in the Hindustan Ambassador through their Fullbore Motors company at

Fulham in southwest London. Mr Owen-Lloyd, for seven years a bond dealer, said: "We found out about the car and started making enquiries. The company was fascinated that anybody was interested because they had never thought

about exporting before." The company was particularly surprised to have approaches from the seat of the Raj, which had thrown away the old Morris Oxford in the first place to the Indians so that they could make and rebadge it as their own.

When The Times first disclosed that the car was coming back to Britain, the newspaper and

Fullbore were inundated with calls. There are now about 2,500 people in the company's order bank lusting for a car that harks back to

days when motoring seemed somehow more relaxed and even stylish. I was the first to drive the Ambassador in Britain and reactions to the car were astonishing. Motorists stopped to gawk and pedestrians peered with interest.

What they saw was an immense ly attractive car. Even though it came off the drawing board shortly after the second world war, the Oxford remains an attractive shape with distinct echoes of the Morris Minor's rounded nose.

The interior is also fairly plush. My car was completed in an attractive grey with chrome door handles and sidelight window openers. Bench seats, standard in India, have been replaced with some extremely comfortable individual seats in the model built for Britain, and the original metal dashboard is replaced with a newer, plastic version.

owever, it is under the bonnet that purists will find their delight. At a time when car engines are a mass of computer chips and swirling wires, here is an original BMC B-series 1500cc engine with a Lucas battery and starter motor. Most parts still come out of the

changed in minutes.

If this car pegs out at the side of the road, forget the AA. Simply roll up your sleeves and start tinkering

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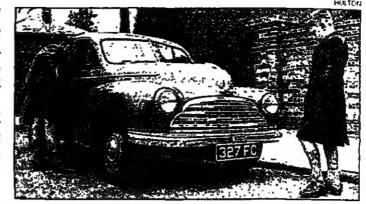
because the engine will be so easy for the enthusiast to work on.

A surprisingly wide variety of people seems to want the car, from taxi-drivers in Brighton to buyers of cars in the cheap car market, who look at the competition and discover a model with bulk and masses of interior room and boot space.

So what is the Ambassador like to drive? The truth is that it is like a car that is 40 years out of date. The four-speed gearbox is a trial and there is only 55 brake horsepower to pull all that metal, although a 8-litre Isuzu engine will be avail-

The car has a mind of its own, making the steering an ap-proximation rather than an exact science, and the brakes require a definite Fred Flintstone-style foothard-down-en-the-floor method.

However, a little patience and a little practice will overcome those obstacles, and the sheer pleasure of owning such a distinctive car must compensate for some of



A new-found market: the Ambassador, top. at Fullbore Motors. Above: how the Morris Oxford attracted attention in 1948

Fullbore expects to import as many as 250 cars, which would make the Ambassador, née Morris Oxford, a familar sight on Britain's roads for the first time in more than

The car will doubtless be welcomed by those who remem-

ber the motoring heritage of the Morris badge.

• The price in Britain will \$5.495 on the road for the four-gear 1500cc model and for five-speed 1800cc 25.895 on-road. Synchromesh from second gear upwards. Further details: Fullbore Mo-tors. 071-371-5931 ROADWISE

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#### Saab success

SAAB. Sweden's executive car maker, has achieved a 6.83 per cent share of the British market in the first quarter of this year, its highest share since Saabs were first imported more than 30 years ago.

#### Sporty double

TWO sporty cars out this week; from Volkswagen the 2.8-litre Golf VRo, the first model in its class with such a meany power pack, and the Vauxhall Astra 2.0 Convertible. The Golf VRo is long awaited and offers 174 brake horsepower for 140mph performance at £18,460 for the five-door version. The Astra will be made in a batch of 288 with the Exclusive badge for \$12,707.

#### Easter drive

BROOKLANDS continues its drive to revive Britain's first purpose-built racetrack with an Easter event featuring craft stalls and entrance to the museum.

#### Some hype

BE honest, you did not notice, but Renault not only has a new hadge but also something called a new "visual identity package". The Renault diamond budge is replaced by a lozenge-style badge, which, a press release reports, highlights the company's "demanding quality standards, forceful modern image and symbolises the concept of Renault products, adding flair to motoring with a combination of driving pleasure matched to quality service with consistent care for safety and the environment". All that from the little lozenge.



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Stumped? That is probably because the model still owned and loved by 2.7 per cent of all motorists has been out of production for ten years: the Ford Cortina. The astonishing statistic that the

old Cortina is still one of the most used cars on Britain's roads emerged this week in a 250-page survey of more than 12,000 motorists by the Automobile Association, Kevin Eason writes. The survey is fascinating not for its welter of facts

Out of date, out of production — still in the top ten on the roads

real world of car ownership. Although the advertising agen-cies may not like the idea, most drivers count their pennies and are more likely to buy a second-hand car than new. Seventy per cent of motorists in the survey drove a used car, which they bought for an average price of £2,700. Sixty per

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cent bought British. Ford dominates with three out of every ten cars on the road. Not surprisingly, the Escort, a best

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seller for eight years in the 1980s, is the most widely driven car, owned by 9.7 per cent of Britain's 23 million motorists. In second place

is the Fiesta. Among men, the most popular car after the Escort is Vauxhall's Cavalier (owned by 7.1 per cent) and Ford Sierra (5.8 per cent). The most popular woman's car is a Ford Fiesta, accounting for 9.6 per

cent of ownership. The Cortina, number seven in the top ten, was a mould-breaker in

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its day, the first car to use aircraftstyle stressing techniques to give a strong monocoque body. In its first guise in 1962, the model helped set Ford's fortunes alight and to put it into competition with the then dominant Austins and Morrises.

The last Cortinas were, however, much less memorable than their forerunners. It is that last, bulky incarnation which is still seen on the roads and still seems to be a mainstay of motoring for many

nas? The survey shows the car owned by a spread of uge groups but the contrast is in the social grades. Only 1.4 per cent of ABC1 motorists confess to owning a Cortina while the figure rises to 4.1 per cent per cent among C2DEs and the car rises to sixth in the top ten list among their grade. The survey also found that the

Who owns the last of the Corti-

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go off at 5.45 every morning, no longer would be spend one and a

half hours each way travelling, something he would willingly forgo, despite expert driving, no

more life sentences would there be

to review. During the last four years he had clocked up 1,490, a

task which could not be delegated and which he gladly relinquished.

The loss items were more on the

personal side and were severe. He would sharply miss the never failing help and kindness, he

thought he could say friendship, of the staff in the Royal Courts of

No Chief Justice had ever had a

better team of judges than Lord Lane had had over the past 12

years, 12 years to the day as it

happened. Few people outside the building realised the time and effort expended by the Queen's Bench judges and their Family Division brethren on extra-mural

administrative duties, quite apart

Above all he owed an unrepayable debt of gratitude to Lord Justice Watkins, Tasker, without whose labours as Deputy Chief Justice his job would have been impossible, or even more impossible.

That work of the judges had for much of the time been carried out

against a background of or-chestrated and ill-informed at-

tacks on the judiciary and their

Too few people realised that judicial independence was the one thing that stood between John Citizen and the abuse of power by

Citizen and the abuse of power by governments of whatever colour. Unhappily, it was only when that independence had been finally eroded that its true value was

Where an assault was indecent in

itself, the basic intent sufficient to

establish assault was enough; it was not necessary to establish a

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Woolf and

Mr Justice Hidden) so held on

April 1 in dismissing an appeal by Rodney George Culver against his

Rodney George Cutyer against his conviction at Norwich Crown Court (Indige Warling and a jury) on April 14, 1991, for the indecent assault of a girl aged eight. He appealed on the ground, inter alla, that the judge had erred in directing the jury that drunkenness was no defence to the charge of indeest appears to

indecent assault or relevant to

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President, Sir Donald Nicholls. Vice Chancellor, Lord Justice Watkins and more than 60 members of the Court of Appeal and High Court Judges. April 151

Court 4, the Lord Chief Justice's Court was crammed with members of the Bar and visitors.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the court was sitting in banc. While sitting might not be quite the right word. they certainly were in banc. Cer-tain structural anxieties had been aroused by the weight of authority, nearly five tons of it.

Although traditionally the fulltime judiciary behaved like Trappist monks when it came to giving public expression of their feelings towards their brother judges, his Lordship could, for the first time. cast aside his vows and on behalf of the judges speak publicly of the admiration and affection in which they held Lord Lane.

He could give voice to the anger and disgust which they had felt at the campaign of calumny waged against Lord Lane in recent

Some confusion of thought was observed from reading the news-papers after announcement of the impending retirement. Judges, it appeared should be required to retire at the age of 70 if not earlier. But a Lord Chief Justice who decided to retire just before his 74th birthday was apparently "taking early retirement".

It was over 25 years since Lord Lane had been appointed to the High Court bench. Some lawyers now in active practice were yet unborn. At least two members of the High Court bench had yet to be called to the Bar. If Lord Lane was taking early retirement they needed a new dictionary.

It was 12 years ago to the day that Lord Lane was swom in as

Lord Chief Justice.

He had been faced with formidable problems. The Criminal
Division and Crown Ofice lists were in a state of some disarray. There was widespread criticism of inconsistencies in sentencing. There were anxieties as to the growing prison population.
Lord Lane had set about solving

those problems with skill, tact and determination. He presided over the creation of the very efficient Criminal Division administrative structure which they had today. He called for custodial sentences to be not a day longer than was necessary. He urged judges to be short and to the point and set them an example.

Perhaps most important of all, he set in train a series of guideline decisions on sentencing policy so essential if consistency of treatment was to be achieved. ANNOUNCEMENTS

He had been party to many decisions which would continue to shape the criminal law and its administration for years to come. He had given substance to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, providing vital safeguards for those suspected of crime, had defined the concept of dishonesty in cases under the Theft Act 1968, reaffirmed the supremacy of the jury and, more recently, his was the decisive step in modernising the law on rape in

In addition to all that, his 12 years in office had seen a quite astonishing increase in his administrative workload, not least because of his personal respon-sibility for undertaking periodic reviews of life sentences.

Despite all that, he had kept an ever open door for judges and others who wanted advice or assistance. Many would think that his letters parent of appoint-ment should have contained a government health warning, but despite everything he had suc-ceeded in retaining his full intellectual and physical vigour. He had also retained his sense

of humour. None of their Lord-ships would ever forget that audi alterem partem was legal Latin for "foreign cars need other

The Master of the Rolls had no doubt that Lord Lane, like all judges, regarded exposure to pub-lic criticism as an occupational hazard. He would be the first to agree that, if the critics based themselves on fact and eschewed the autractions of hindsight, such

But what had outraged all of those present was the spectacle of attempts to make Lord Lane the scapegoat for failures of the scapegoat for failures of the criminal justice system, the cause of which, however defined, lay outside his control or responsibility.

The process had gone far be-yond the point at which it could be excused as confusion of thought. Such baseless accusations had not only to be wounding to Lord Lane but also, and perhaps particularly, to Lady Lane. He, she and their family could look

back on his judicial career with great pride. In the eyes of the profession there were judges and great judges. Lord Lane's place would be found in the latter category. On behalf of the Bench the Master of the Rolls wished Lord Lane a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

THE ATTORNEY-GEN-ERAL, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, appearing, inter alia, for himself and the Solicitor-general, Mr Derek Spenner, QC, said that it was fiercely recognised, some-times misconstrued, that in our system a case could be only justly decided on the basis of the evidence before the court.

What Lord Lane's brethren knew but a wider public seldom saw was his immense hard work early mornings, late nights, long weekends, hours of reading in the car, exemplification that those who performed well in the highest offices bore indeed the heaviest

As Lord Lane laid down his collar of esses, the hope of them all was that he would now have some time for himself and Lady Lane. that he would stay among their Lordships and that the incisiveness and the humour and the twinkle in his eye both remained and grew.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAR, Mr Gareth Williams, QC, said that he appeared for the Bar of England and Wales and with the leaders of every circuit in the land present, which had never refore occurred.

Lord Lane knew the private and

public support the Bar had given him. There was no need to repeat

There might be some in higher places who might feel a momen-tary pang that support Lord Lane might have looked to and fairly expected was not forthcoming. Mr Williams had conspired with Lord Lane's faithful comrade

in arms, Lord Justice Watkins, who had extended the Welsh Courts Act to England, but only to Court 4 for today. Mr Williams could, therefore, speak some words in an old living language, Dyna ddyn, there was a man. THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY, Mr Philip Ely,

said that he rose on the present occasion not in order to read out a formal agreed statement but, with leave, to add a few remarks that he knew would be endorsed by the members of his branch of the The true measure of the esteem

and respect in which Lord Lane was held was best discussed in what others said of him.

One of the greatest privileges of being president was that it cre-ated a unique opportunity to visit and speak to solicitors, members of the Bar and of the judiciary at their stations in various parts of the country. He assured Lord Lane that the

terms which had been expressed today in gratitude and admira-tion for him were even more frequently heard outside London. THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, returning thanks and congratulating the Attorney-general on his appointment, said that undeserved compliments were always so much sweeter than the egitimate sort.

On a more personal note, he had been working out a sort of retirement balance sheet, or profit and loss account.
Certain items of profit were that Mansukhani v Sharkey Before Lord Justice Fox and Mr Judgment April 15]

Where parents transferred their interest in a flat to their son in consideration of mutual love and affection but subject to a covenant by the son to keep up mortgage instalments on the flat, the transaction was not one of purchase for the purposes of case 9 of Part I of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments when allow-ing an appeal by the plaintiff. Mahesh Narain Mansukhani, from Judge Harris who, in Westminster County Court on July 9, 1991 had ordered, on a preliminary point of law, that the plaintiff was not entitled to rely on case 9 in his claim against the defen-dant, Linda Sharkey, for possession of a flat in Broadwick Street, Westminster.

Case 9 provides that one ground for granting possession against a statutory tenant is "Where the dwelling house is reasonably required by the landlord for occupation as a residence for — (a) himself ... and the

by purchasing the dwelling house..."

Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC and Mr Harry Trusted for the plaintiff: Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr Martin Westgate for the

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff's parents bought the flat in 1984 with the assistance of a £15,000 loan from a building society. In 1985 they let the flat to the defendant and others and in October 1986 the defendant became a statutory

In 1989 the parents transferred the flat to the plaintiff "in consideration of mutual love and affection and of the covenants hereinafter contained". The plaintiff covenanted with

the building society and the parents to pay all moneys due to the society under its charge and to perform all borrower's covenants contained therein, and in addition, with the parents, to indem-nify them against any claims by the building society. The parents remained liable to the building

# Flat transfer not by purchase

plaintiff had become landlord by purchasing the flat That phrase was to be inter-

preted in an ordinary sense and not in a technical fashion: Thomas v Fryer ([1970] 1 WLR 845) and if after the transfer the plaintiff had been asked when he had purchased the flat, he would have replied: "I did not purchase it. It was a gift from my parents." It was necessary to bear in mind two matters: (i) it was a trans-

action between parents and their son who was a student, a family matter; (ii) the subject matter of the disposition was mortgaged property. The transfer was no expressed to be a transfer on sale. Consideration by way of love and affection was a familiar recital in deeds of gift and voluntary settlements and it was

difficult to imagine it normally having any place in a sale document The judge treated the plaintiff's liability to discharge the sum remaining owing under the mort gage, £14,000, as the consideration for the transfer and held

that the plaintiff had acquired the

His Lurdship did not agree with dence to suggest that the parties negotiated the transfer as a sale in consideration of the covenants. The reference to love and affection strongly suggested a gift and the covenants were perfectly consistent with a gift of mort-

gaged property. The crucial matter was the nature of the property. Because it was mortgaged, some arrangement had to be come to as to who was to bear the burden of the obligation under the mortgage. The arrangement was that the

that the parents said, in effect, we will give you the flat but you must take the burdens as well as the benefit" The fact that a doner of land

entered into some indemnity covenant with the donor in the deed of gift did not by itself indicate a

The transaction was a gift and not a purchase.

Mr Justice Hollings agreed Solicitors: Brian Hillman Trivedi & Co. Palmer's Green: Ms

#### Challenge on special needs

Regina v Salforti City Coun- Act. 1981, it was more appro cil, Ex parte L

Where a party sought to challenge the decision of an appeal com-mittee of a local education au-thority confirming the authority's determination as to the specia educational provision to be made for a child under the Education

that while in R v Court ([1989] AC 28) whether what had happened

or not turned on the motive and

therefore the specific intent had

been necessary to the verdict, in the instant case, there was no

question as to whether what had

occurred was indecent or not so

that the basic intent was sufficient.

The law before Cour remained the law and indecent assault remained an offence of basic intent. The issue was simply

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did what was alleged. A defence of voluntary introducation did not arise and his inability to remem-

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priate to follow the appellate procedure provided for in the procedure provided for in the statute and appeal in writing to the Secretary of State for Education and Science rather than apply to the High Court by way of judicial review.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment on April 3 dismission on application for

dismissing an application for judicial review brought by the parents of L challenging the decision of the council's appellate committee on March 19, 1991, over L's need for speech and occupational therapy.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

said that as the case progressed it appeared that the true basis of the application was that the authority's expert's views on the child's special educational needs did not coincide with those of another expert relied on by the The secretary of state's

specialised knowledge was ideal to deal with the dispute of experts in such a case. The issue was not within the province of a court. The principle that judicial review should not supplant the normal stanutory appellate procedure was not in doubt R v Chief Constable of Merseyside Police.
Ex parte Calveley (1986) QB
424). An appeal to the secretary of
state would have been much more

#### Drug experiment sentencing

Regina v Couzens Regina v Frankel

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Wright Judgment April 131

When sentencing defendants for producing a small quantity of a controlled Class A drug by experimental means in this country, the judge was entitled to take into account that the purpose of the experimentation he production of the unlawful drug was its ultimate large-scale production in another country. there its production was not unlawful, and its marketing

throughout Western Europe. The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeals of Geoffrey Michael Couzens and Sidney Solley Frankel against sentences imposed on them on lune 1, 1990 at Acton Crown Court by Judge Watts.

Couzens was sentenced to six years imprisonment on his plea of guilty to producing a controlled Class A drug, commonly known as Ecstasy, and supplying it to another. Frankel was sentenced to nine years imprisonment, and a E1.722 was made, on his conviction of producing the drug. Mr Peter Hunt, assigned by the

Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Couzens; Mr Patrick O'Connor,

who did not appear below, as-signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for Frankel.

MR JUSTICE ROCH, giving the judgment of the coun, said that it was submitted that the judge should have restricted his consideration to actions which were to be treated as criminal within the jurisdiction of the

Nevertheless, the judge was entitled to take into account that the drug that the defendants intended to produce on a large scale in Yugoslavia, where such production was apparently law-ful, for marketing in Western Europe to their considerable profit, was unlawful in this country. It was considered to be addictive, dangerous to health and capable of causing wide-spread misery among those who

were persuaded to take it. If there had been evidence that the defendants intended to produce the drug, or have it produced, in the UK the sentences substantially longer than those possibly more. The judge had made allowance

large-scale production was to be not in this country but in Yugo-slavia. He had given sufficient

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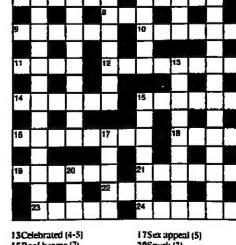
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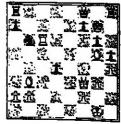
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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent This position is a variation

from the game Alekhine -Opocensky, Pans 1925. All white's pieces are aimed menacingly at the black king, and he now has a chance to rip the defences away. Can you see how?

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7.15 Fairy Tales. Goldilocks and the Three Bears (r) (4260974) 7.20
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8.00 News, regional news and weather (6700475) 8.15 Henry's Cat (r) (9563017) 8.20 Favourite Songs (s) (7980456) 8.45 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) (1101949)

9.00 News, regional news and weather (3372814) 9.05 Defenders of the Earth (9790659) 9.25 Why Don't You. . . ? (5) (4461494) 9.50 The O-Zone (c) (5792098) 10.05 Playdays (r) (2858974) 10.30

The New Lassie (r) (s) (48659) 11.00 The Darkest Hour. A meditation by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and music from the Langa Adult Choir (29746)
12.00 Children of Courage with Esther Rantzen and Gavin Campbell (r)

(8530727) **12.45** Red and Blue. Cartoon double bill (43562765) **12.55** Regional News and weather (13272833)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (83670920) 1.15 Neighbours 1.40 Columbo. Peter Falk stars as the dishevelled detective in this

investigation coming into contact with a high-tech killer. Also starring Oskar Wemer and Gena Rowlands (9113982) 2.50 Film: The Prince and the Pauper (1977). Mark Lester plays two roles in a stylish 16th-century swashbuckler based on Mark Twain's novel. Directed by Richard Fleischer (65086388)

4.45 The Prince's Army. In a special documentary to mark the second anniversary of the Prince's Trust Volunteers, the Prince of Wales alks to Simon Mayo. (Ceefax) (7196123)

5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (715291) 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Chris Lowe (Ceefax) Weather (922920)

6.15 Regional news and weather (817659)
6.20 Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) starting Burt Reynolds and

Sally held Manic comedy about a maverick driver who takes up the challenge of collecting a truckload of illicit beer from Texas and driving it back to Atlanta, Georgia, within 28 hours. Directed by Hall Needham (8359659) 7.50 Comic Relief 1992 — Behind the Nose (Ceefax) (537456)

8.00 Bruce's Guest Night. Bruce Forsyth is joined by Dudley Moore, Juliet Prowse, Ronnie Corbett, Marc Almond, Paul Nicholas and Claire Moore. (Ceefax) (s) (1017) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (167272)
9.20 Comic Relief 1992 — Behind the Nose. Lenny Henry, Griff Rhys ones and Jonathon Ross present a behind-the-scenes look at how last year's Red Nose money was spent. Followed by Who's Funniest? The results of a Radio Times poll for the best comedy of 1991's Red Nose Day



Why is Africa poor? Tony Robinson in Tanzania (9.40pm)

9.40 The Comic Relief Snappily Titled and Utterly Sponditious Stab at Explaining Why So Many People in Africa Are So Damn

■ CHOICE: The centrepiece of Red Nose evening is a documentary from Tanzania hosted by Tony Robinson. With the help of location material, and inserted sketches featuring the likes of Peter Sissons, Richard Wilson and Jim Broadbent, he presents a lay person's guid to why Africa is poor Those who have sat through sobel documentaines on BBC2 or Channel 4 will find nothing new but it is night to return to the arguments and make them accessible to a vider audience. Using a jocular style for a serious purpose, the programme explains the effects of unfair trade, the debt burden, environmental damage and bad government, all compounding the vulnerability of powerless people (319140)

10.30 The A-Z of Comic Relief Comedy presented Stephen Fry, Ben

Elton and Dawn French. (Ceefax)

11.20 The Gospels The Last Supper to the Crucifixion (438920)
11.35 Film: The Outfit (1974). Taut thriller starring Robert Duvall as a convict recently released from prison who is bent on avenging his brother's death. Directed by John Flynn (165123). Northern Ireland: One Man's Death 11.45-1.30 Film: Crossroads 1.15am Weather (4674586)

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#### BBC2

6.45 Open University: Arts --- the Albert Memorial (7847123). Ends at

8.05 Film: Tarzan and the Mermaids (b/w, 1948) starring Johnny Weissmuller in his last appearance as the Dr Dolittle of the jungle He meets a mermaid and battles with a giant octupus. Directed by Robert Florey (5917253)
9.10 Film: The Man Who Came to Dinner (bAw, 1941) starring Bette

Davis and Monty Woolley. Corrosive comedy about a media legend who terrorises a provincial family when he is forced to recuperate in their home. Directed by William Keighley (93439291) 1.00 Film: King Of Kings (1961). A moving account of the life of Christ,

narrated by Orson Welles. Starring Jeffrey Hunter. Directed by Vicholas Ray (98103291) 1.35 Holiday Outings. The Ironbridge Museum in Shropshire (r)

(21409253) 1.40 Brum (2140746) 1.50 The Adventures of Spot. Animated amics of the naughty pup (r) (58727340) 1.55 Sparkey's Magic Piano. Animation (1360611)



Arthur and the Green Knight: Greager, Tomlinson (2.45pm)

2.45 Gawain. Opera by Harrison Birtwistle set in Arthurian times and based on the medieval epic poem *Sir Gawain* and the *Green Knight*.

Starring Francois Le Roux, Richard Greager, John Tomlinson and Marie Angel. Directed by Di Trevis (s) (85119369)

6.00 Thunderbirds. More wooden acting from the cast of International

Rescue. (Ceefax) (239388)
6.55 Nature: Close Encounters of the European Kind. Julian Pettifer

nature: Close Encotamers of the European kind. Julian Petrier reveals that North Sea cod and haddock are on the verge of extinction and how the EC quotas are affecting the European fishermen who now are having to throw back nearly half their catch in an effort to save the fish (191123)

7.25 Stabat Mater. Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and Chorus as they perform Rossini's choral work, with Christine Weidinger (convant). work, with Christine Weidinger (soprano), Ann Murray (mezzo-soprano), David Maxwell Anderson (tenor) and Roderick Earle (bass)

8.30 Gardeners' World. A visit to Beechgrove in Scotland (4369)

9.00 Arena: An Argentinian Story

CHOICE: A trio of films from director Jana Bokowa promises to present an Argentina "never before seen on British television". Her concern is not, thankfully, to present yet another retrospective of the Falklands conflict but to explore lesser-known corners Argentinian life and culture. Tonight's programme is a celebration in images and song of the gaucho, whose place in his country's mythology is similar to that of the cowboy in the United States. The great age of the gaucho, we are told, was the 19th century. But he lives on, roaming the pampas, breaking in horses and gathering round the fire in the evening to sing of a hard and simple life. Bokowa's portrait stops short of sentimentality though you sometimes feel that these grizzled herdsmen have been preserved to provide footage for visiting film crews (2123) to provide footage for visiting film crews (2123)
Film: These Foolish Things (1990).

CHOICE: A short season of films from the French director

Bertrand Tavernier opens with the intimate chamber piece which brought Dirk Bogarde back to the screen after a gap of 13 years. Bogarde plays an English father seeking reconciliation with the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the half-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) he emotionally perfect to the healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) healt-french daughter (Jane Birkin) healt-frenc His wife and the girl's mother (Odette Laure) is the other main character in a film which revolves on a series of family discussions in which the trio look back over the past, assess their relationships and attempt to exorcise points of tension. With its emphasis on dialogue rather than action These Foolish Things is well suited to the television screen while Bogarde's performance, subtle, int and moving, confirms him as one of our finest film actors. Let us hope it is not his farewell (942814)

Films: Peter Kelly's Blues (1955). Jack Webb, Janet Leigh and Lee Marvin star in this tough cuft thriller with a 1920s jazz background. Webb also directs (98 1.15am Weather (4672128)

6.00 TV-am (8814388) 9.25 Cross Wits. Word game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (4447814) 9.55 Cartoon (3030274)

10.00 Film: Zorro (1975) starring Alain Delon and, in his last film. Stanley Baker, Adventure yarn about a masked Mexican who protects the poor early Californians from the evil Spanish aristocracy. Directed by Duccio Tessari (73833)

12.00 Easter Meditation presented from Chelmsford prison by the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev John Waine. (Oracle) (57307) 12.30 News with Sue Carpenter. (Oracle) Weather (64452659) 12.40 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle)

(8334524)1.10 Film: Return of the Jedi (1983) starring Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher. Part three, and possibly the last, of the Star Wars saga. Princess Leia is on the trail of the evil Darth Vader who is building a new "Death Star" while the ruthless Jabba has mercenary space pilot Hans Solo in his power. Directed by Richard Marquand.

(Oracle) (s) (52385611) 3.30 The Young Doctors. Australian drama series set in a city hospital

4.00 World Womble Day. Animation (r) (Oracle) (543) 4.30 White Bear's Secret with the voices of Joss Ackland, Helena Bonham Carter and Hugh Laurie (s) (727) 5.00 Cartoon starring Daffy Duck

(7121036)me and Away (r). (Oracle) (8012104) 5.40 Early Evening News with Sue Carpenter. (Oracle) Weather (693630) 6.00 LWT News and weather (933036) 6.10 The Day. Twenty-four important hours in the life of two ballroom dancing

partners (803456) 6.15 Hollywood's Hidden Heroes. Profiles of ginema stuntmen

7.00 The Help Squad. Michael Parkinson and his team come to the ald of viewers with problems (6340)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (456)

8.00 Surprise, Surprise, Cilla Black and Bob Carolgees spring the unexpected on viewers and an unsuspecting member of the audience. (Orade) (s) (6185) 9.00 Heartbeat. Episode two of the ten-part drama about North

Yorkshire moors village policeman and his wife. Starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack. (Oracle) (s) (6949) 10.00 News at Ten with Sue Carpenter. (Oracle) Weather (350340) 10.15 LWT News and weather (258543)



Celebrating 30 years in the West: Rudolf Nureyev (10.20pm)

10.20 The South Bank Show. A repeat showing of the programme shown last year to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Rudolf Nureyev's entrechat to the West (4438727)
 11.50 Dial Midnight. Last in the phone-in dating service, introduced by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman (584388)

1.10 CinemAttractions. Film news from America (8739383) 1.50 Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) starring Robert Redford. Western drama about a Utah mountain trapper who, after Indians kili his wife and family because their wagon train unwittingly crossed a sacred burial ground, becomes a legend. Directed by Sidney Pollack 2016.

3.50 Beach Volleyball Special. A look at the sport that will be on

exhibition in this year's summer Olympics (5972654) 5.20 Out of Limits. Sporting action (2751437) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars (60383). Ends at 6.00

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#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (7367746) 6.25 The Wombles (5868017) 6.33 Kaboodle 11 (70982) 7.00 Heathcliff (7744524) 7.25 A Chucklewood Easter (7763659) 7.50 Tooth Fairy, Where Are You? (8438185) 8.17 Dangermouse (4785098) 8.25 The World's Strangest Sports (7437307) 8.55 The Complete Comper. Ltz Simpson with advice on competition winning (9565475) 9.25 The Munsters (b/w) (r) (4445456)

9.55 Road to Avordea. Children's drama series (r) (5548949) 10.50 Pete Smith Specialities. The typical problems encountered by a housewife (3480678)

11.00 Gamesmaster. Video game show (r) (8814)

11.30 Get Smart. Secret agent spoof (9543)
12.00 Kingdoms of the East: The Leopard that Changed its Spots. (r). (Teletext) (74562)

1.00 Sesame Street. Education series for the under-fives (r) (50982) 2.00 Petronella. Animation (32265017) 2.15 Mozart's Requiem. The

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Colin Davis perform Mozart's last work (5190185) 3.20 A Passion. A contemporary re-enactment of the monumental events of Passion week (5932388)

3.35 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Women who have become emotional prisoners discuss their problems (9931185)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Quick-fire general knowledge quiz (s) (369)
5.00 Film: The Moonraker (1958) starring George (Wexford) Baker.
Swashbuckler about a 17th-century English nobleman who saves

Royalists from Cromwell's executioner. Directed by David Macdonald (Teletext) (33185) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Final show of the series (5) (814)
7.00 Channel 4 News summary and weather (113630) 7.02 Music for a Dying King. Paul Vaughan namates a performance by the foremost specialists in French baroque music of the pieces François

Couperin wrote for Louis XIV (s) (8307) 8.00 Brookside. Liverpudlian drama series. (Teletext) (5) (3630)

8.30 Short Stories: Flapping CHOICE: The documentary slot for directors new to television communes to score with the freshness of the subjects. Flapping is a commues to score with the meshness of the subjects, happing is a rough form of horse racing, barely legal, unrecognised by the plackey Club and governed by the minimum of rules. A pastime born of the industrial revolution to provide working men with an outlet for betting, it combinies to flourish and stir passions. Catherine Bailey's film charts the rivalry between owners from Brecon and the south Wales valleys as each enters a horse for a big race (2765) south Wales valleys as each enters a horse for a big race (2765)

9.00 Cheers. (Teletext) (s) (8678) 9.30 Flowering Passions: Some Like It Hot. Anna Pavord looks at exotic plants (r). (Teletext) (75291)

10.00 Roseanne. More blue-collar comedy. (Teletext) (s) (56678)
10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? A compilation of the funniest moments from the American recordings (s) (32098)



New York rendezvous: Julian Clary, Quentin Crisp (11.00pm)

11.00 Desperately Seeking Roger. While in New York, Julian Clary manages to bump into Eartha Kitt, Quentin Crisp and Brooke

manages to bump into Eartha Kirt, Quentin Crisp and Brooke Shields (33949)

12.00 Film: Always (1985) starring Patrice Townsend and Henry Jaglom. Comedy about a couple who spend their last weekend together before their divorce is final. Directed by Henry Jaglom (71128)

2.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (s) (r) (51857)

2.30 The Twilight Zone. A young woman discovers her double (5536586). Ends at 2.55

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a house quest is a wamping (217654) 3.25 Trapped (1989); A Liker stalks office workers (279944) Ends at \$.05 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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Biber (Mystery Sonata No 10 in
G minor, The Crucifision of
Christ); Bach, air Brahms
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Christ), Bach, arr Brahms
(Chaconne in D minor for
piano left hand), Pany (Elegy
for Brahms), Haydn (Sonata
VII, Father, into Thy hands I
commend my spirit; The
Earthquake — The Seven Last
Words of our Saviour on the
Cross. Op 511 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Lully (Le Carrousel du Roy;
Salve Regina, Te Deum)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Handel
(Concerio Grosso in B flat, Op
3 No 11, Beethoven (Sonata in
G, Op 14 No 2); Mosart
(Conservati fedele, K 23);
Haydn (Plano Trio in E flat, H
XV 101, Schubert, arr Mahler
(String Quartet in D minor,
Death and the Maiden, second

Death and the Maden, second movement); Gade (Fantasie-stüker, Carulli (Serenade in G. Op 96 No 3), Bridge (Phantasie Trio in C milior), Haydin

Symphony No 83 in G minor, a Poule!

Andras Ligeti performs Kodály (Dances of Galanta); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A

Lazar Bermani, Honegger (Symphony No 3, Liturgique)

zenen, Op 15), Mozart (Sonata in D, K 576) (r)

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Startes 1.25pm. News 2.00 Concert from 5t John Church in Vilnius 3.00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 4.15 News followed by Film: The Jeweller's Shop (Burt Lancaster, Ben Cross, Olhan Hussey) 6.00 News 6.15 Alec the Pole 7.00 Far City 7.30 Nobody's Child 8.30 Winning Streak 9.00 News 9.50 Charlots of File (Ben Cross, Ian Charleson, Nigel Haves, Alcholas Farrell) 11.40 News 11.50 Close

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Gingham, Written by Emily Eden 8.58 Weather

version of Messiah is as far away as ever (r)

3.00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion: The ancient Good Friday liturgy of the Veneration of the Lord's Passion: The ancient Good Friday liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross, live from Westminister Cathedral Lilius Katchen. Includes an interview with the American planist by Stephen Walsh and a tribute from the late William Mann. Back (Parntia No 2 in C minor, BWV 826); Chopin (Farntay in F minor, Op 49); Beethower (Sonata in E, Op 109)

5.30 Ulster Orchestra under John Lubbock performs Copland (An Outdoor Overture; Suite, The Tender Land); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9) Shostakovich (Symphony No 9) Phantom Navigations: Ben Watson with the final programme on the jazz-rock ensemble Weather Report includes an interview with the singer-songwriter (isa:
Stansfield, incl 11.00 News
10.00 And There Stood by the Cross His Mother (I.W only):
Father John McCullagh presents a mediation for Good Friday, relating the Passion to the realities of suffering straight shoet and the control of the staffeng straight shoet and staffeng straight shoet 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: The Scottish artist Wilhelmina Barns-Graham is marking her 80th birthday with an exhibition at the

William Jackson Gallery in London, She talks to Martin Kemp about her membership of a proneering group of abstract arbsis in St. Ives 7.30 Dvofák's Stabat Mater. BBC Welsh Chorus under John

Hugh Thomas: BBC Welsh SO under Jin Beloklayek 9.05 Torn Paine's Rights of Man-To mark the bicentenary of Torn Paine's book, Maurice author's ideas 9.50 Ikons in Sound: In the final

programme, Father Philip Steer introduces two works by John Tavener that provide a basis for meditation on the Passion of Christ. Landon SO under respond to the physical embodiment of their novels; and Joanna Trollope talks about her new book, The Men and the Girls (s)

of Christ, Condon SO under Thomas performs The Repentant Thief; BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Luciei Friend performs Ron of the Crucificion

10.30 Late Brahms and Schubert: The panist Richard Goode plays Brahms (Four pieces, Op 119); Schubert (Sonata in A, D 959) (r) 11.30 News 959) (r) 11.30 News osers of the

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#### RADIO 4

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.53, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 Up the Country: A
Remnant of Faded Yellow
Gingham, Written by Emily

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9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's castaway is Lady
Soames (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell
presents stories from the
Hampshure village of Berntley
10.00 Carry On Up the Zeitgeist
(FM only): Saturday Night
Saturnalia. Edward Blishen
recalls That Was The Week
That Was
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only until
11.00am) from Manchester.
Includes an interview with the
singer-songwriter Lisa.

suffering today, especially that of parents who have lost a 10.45-11.00 The Bible (LW only): Zechanah, Alice Amold the first of two extracts
11.30 The Natural History

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12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial. Tess of
the d'Urbervilles. The last of a
three-part dramatisation of
Thomas Hardy's novel (s) (r)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde
Investigates how authors
respond to the physical

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope looks at Art
from Outer Space; visits the
Whitechapel Art Gallery for an

CHOICE: It was last Christmas, in Christopher Hope's short stories about his South African childhood, that we first met the beneficent Swirskys who ran the local pharmacy. Radio 4 has accurately gauged the listeners' response by telling us more about the Swirskys and their neighbours on the Badminton estate, beginning

Badminton estare, beginning today with the tale of the legiess black gardener who sied as a result of Swirsky public-spiritedness, and continuing on Easter Monday with the exorcising of his ghost. Christopher Hope is again the reader 5.50 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Chris Serle (r)
7.20 Women's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Diribleby chairs a discussion in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire, between Dr Marjone Mowlam, MP; Shirley Williams; Howard Daines, controller of the Audit Commission and soon-to-be director of the CBI, and Paul Foot, journalist

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Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by
Alistar Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Four
British Folk Tales — The
Slumber King, by Kevin
Crossley-Holland, Read by
Andy Hockley
11.00 When Harry Met Ally:
Comedians Harry Hill and
Alistair McGowan are joined
by Mark Hurst and Fred
McAuley (s)
11.25 A Grief Observed, Nigel
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account of bereavement and
his recovery of hope (s)
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